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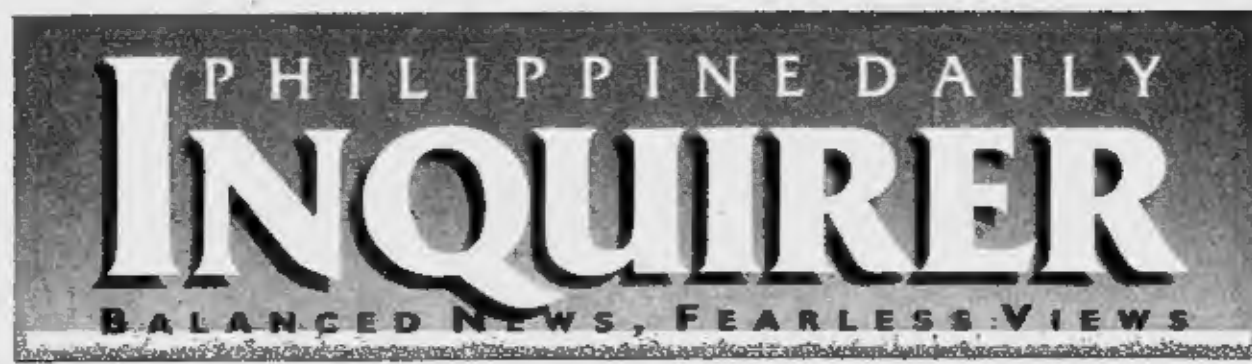


RP could be world's 5th mining power, says GMA

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr., Blanche S. Rivera and Michelle V. Remo

THE PHILIPPINES could become the fifth largest mining power in the world because of the Supreme Court's decision allowing foreign investors to exploit mineral resources in the country, President Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday.

RP COULD/A21



UK Prince Andrew arrives in RP to howling welcome

By TJ Burgonio

DESPITE the "bloody" stormy weather in Manila, Prince Andrew of the United Kingdom arrived yesterday afternoon.

He barely made it

UK PRINCE/A21



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'Yoyong' slams Luzon

Filipinos prepare to face crisis together

By Norman Bordadora and PDI Southern Luzon and Visayas Bureaus

EVEN before it made landfall last night, super Typhoon "Yoyong" had already brought more death and destruction to the provinces of Southern Luzon and Central Luzon still reeling from Typhoons "Violeta" and "Unding" and Tropical Depression "Winnie."

Packing maximum sustained winds of 185 kph near the center and gusts of 220 kph, "Yoyong," which had a diameter of 800 km, battered the eastern part of the country, causing landslides, flash-floods and a tidal wave.

"Yoyong," moving at 33 kph in a west northwesterly direction, was expected to make landfall over Aurora province last night and through the evening cross Nueva Vizcaya, Benguet, La

YUYONG/A10



SYMBOLIC of the country, battered by four storms within a span of 18 days, down on its knees with something close to despair disfiguring the face of its future, is this family in Dingalan, Aurora province, waiting for deliverance from their state of cold, hunger and darkness.

NPA blamed for logging; ex-rebel is forest czar

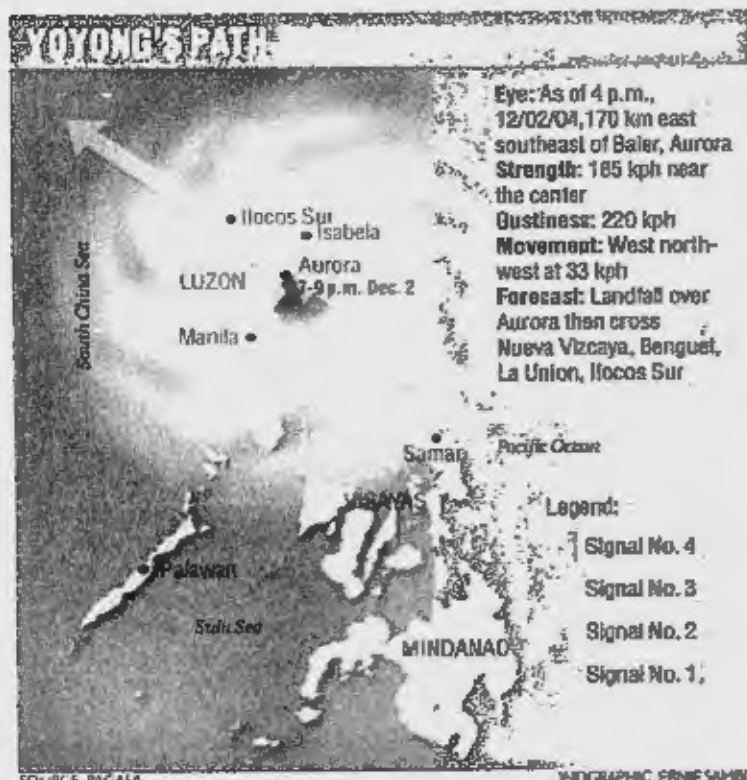
By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday blamed the New People's Army for the rampant deforestation that caused the deadly landslides in Luzon, and designated one of its former leaders as her reforestation czar whose tasks include running after insurgents engaged in illegal logging.

"I've been informed that the New People's Army has been heavily involved in illegal logging activities," Ms Arroyo said in a speech at the 14th general assembly of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines at the Manila Hotel.

At the same forum, Ms Arroyo designated retired Brig. Gen. Victor Corpus as chair of the government-owned Natural Resources Development Corp. (NRDC), a position that would make him "principal overseer of all reforestation programs of the government nationwide."

"I am also making him (Corpus) NPA BLAMED/A21



THE BATTLE this time is a desperate race against time and the elements for these soldiers who carry relief goods on foot across a highway to reach thousands of residents in Tanauan, Quezon. Landslides in the flood-hit towns of the province have made roads impassable to vehicles as they are clogged with boulders and debris.

REUTERS

GMA braves weather to be with victims

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

DESPITE warnings from the Philippine Air Force of turbulent weather conditions, President Macapagal-Arroyo braved yesterday's strong winds and rains to reach out to victims of one of the towns hardest hit by typhoon "Winnie" in Quezon province.

The President had reportedly insisted that she fly by helicopter to Siniloan town in Laguna, 75 km southeast of Manila, to cut on travel time to Quezon.

But an hour after lunch time, she relented and took the advice of her security personnel to go by land all the way. She arrived in Barangay Maragondon in Real, Quezon, by 4 p.m.

Initially, the President planned to spend the night in the typhoon-ravaged town, but

GMA BRAVES/A22

Farmer buries dreams with first son

REAL, Quezon—Slash-and-burn farmer Richard Seles strained to hold back his tears as he dug a shallow grave for his infant son with a small shovel on a mountain pass.

On the muddy ground was a small, plastic-wrapped wooden box containing the body of the child, Seles' second, who was stillborn at the height of a land-

slide on Wednesday. The baby was also named Richard.

Seles, 37, had hoped to send him to university so he could help the small family earn a decent living instead of having to cut down trees in the hills and grow small plots of vegetables.

"He was my boy. I had wanted him to become successful. I had a lot of dreams for him. But the

mountain has claimed him," Seles told Agence France-Presse as he sadly watched soldiers lower the coffin into the grave.

Other villagers had also buried three bodies dug out from under tons of rubble. Their identities were unknown.

A deadly mix of mud, floodwaters and boulders had crashed into Seles' hillside home in the village

of Tanauan near Real on Wednesday as his young wife was in labor.

Extreme fear, exhaustion and the roaring, thunder-like scream of the moving ground had brought the baby on weeks before its due date, Seles said.

"She was terrified and it's the mountain that caused her to go into labor prematurely," said Seles.

FARMER/A22

STORIES FROM THE DEPTHS

AFP salutes barefoot soldier in muddied clothes

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.

PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

GENERAL NAKAR, Quezon—Army Sgt. Reynaldo Reyes reported on Tuesday to the chief of the Armed Forces' Southern Luzon Command barefoot and dressed in muddied short pants and shirt.

But despite Reyes' getup, a

startling departure from the standard crisp fatigue uniform and shiny combat boots, Maj. Gen. Pedro Cabuy, chief of the Southern Luzon Command, not only returned the soldier's salute but also shook his hand in a display of admiration for his heroic deed.

According to the residents of Barangay Anuling in this ravaged town, Reyes had led his

men in Charlie company of the 1st Infantry Brigade in saving the lives of a woman and two children living in one of the shanties lining the banks of the Agus River.

On Monday evening at the height of the fury of Tropical Depression "Winnie," the shanties collapsed as the ground loosened and caved in. The soldiers

camped on a hilly portion of the village heard the residents' cries for help and rushed to the rescue.

"We raced against time," Reyes told reporters. He proceeded to narrate how, with their bare hands, he and his men furiously clawed at the muddy earth that buried the shanties'.

AFP/A22

Foreign gov'ts heed Red Cross appeal for help

By Tarra V. Quismundo and TJ Burgonio

THE PHILIPPINE National Red Cross yesterday appealed to the rest of the world for help as the country braced for yet another battering by Typhoon "Yoyong."

It said it would need an initial P56 million to provide relief to more than a million people affected by the three storms that slammed into the country in the past two weeks. And with the coming of Yoyong, the cost could run up to P100 million, it said.

"We have prepared P6 million just for relief, and that's really putting a strain on our resources," Sen. Richard Gordon, chair of the volunteer organization, said in a press conference at the PNRC headquarters in Manila.

The PNRC has fielded volunteers and distributed relief goods to families displaced by the re-

FOREIGN/A4

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Northern and Central Luzon and the provinces of Camarines, Quezon, Sorsogon, Albay, Marikina, Batangas, Laguna, Cavite and Metro Manila will experience stormy weather. Eastern Visayas and the rest of Luzon excluding Palawan will have rains and gusty winds.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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ESTRADA

Gov't lawyers move to stop Erap's HK trip

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan and Armand Nocum

THE OMBUDSMAN and Special Prosecutor yesterday moved swiftly to prevent the departure of ousted President Estrada for Hong Kong even as the disgraced leader's lawyers were

preparing a petition asking the Sandiganbayan to modify its order and allow Estrada to extend his medical stay in Hong Kong beyond Dec. 12.

Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo yesterday said he would ask the Sandiganbayan special division not to immediately implement its order allowing Estrada to go abroad, saying his

office was entitled to file a motion for reconsideration.

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio was expected yesterday to file a manifestation before the court to appeal the decision.

"There should not be special treatment for certain detained prisoners. And there's always the possibility of flight," said Marcelo, adding that court rules do not allow that kind of trip for Estrada who is being tried for the capital offense of plunder.

Marcelo said the prosecution has already proven that Estrada could very well have his knee surgery here as the country's top hospital has excellent facilities and "very competent doctors."

"So there's really no reason for the surgery to be done abroad. I hope they won't allow him to leave," he said.

Voting 4 to 1, the anti-graft court's special division late Wednesday approved a resolution allowing Estrada to travel to Hong Kong to have a knee replacement operation. He is allowed to stay there for 20 days, from Nov. 22 to Dec. 12, the dates that his lawyers originally requested.

But in a telephone interview, Jay Flaminiano, one of Estrada's lawyers, said they are considering asking the court to "modify" its order as the time given was "too short for an operation."

Out of Hong Kong

Pardie Ramos, Estrada's media coordinator, said the problem was that Estrada's American doctor, Christopher Mow, who is to perform the operation, has left Hong Kong and returned to the US.

Mow had gone to Hong Kong in November to await the arrival of Estrada, who was originally scheduled for operation at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital last Nov. 4.

But with the Sandiganbayan failing to approve the travel petition on time, Ramos said a new date has to be set for the operation.

"The schedule for the operation will all depend on the schedule of Dr. Mow," Ramos said.

Estrada was yesterday issued a regular passport, valid for a year, by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Foreign affairs spokesperson Gilberto Asuque said Estrada had made the request for a passport "just recently."

Malacañang welcomed the Sandiganbayan decision allowing Estrada to leave.

"We have always supported humanitarian treatment for the former President and we welcome the decision of the Sandiganbayan," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a statement.

Ms Arroyo has extended "humanitarian" gestures to Estrada, from advocating house arrest for him to giving him two golf carts so he could move around in his Tanay, Rizal estate where he is under house arrest.

'Mirror of oppression'

The President recognized that Estrada still commanded the loyalty of the Filipino masses because they see in his condition a "mirror of their own oppression."

The Sandiganbayan previously allowed Estrada to be detained at his lavish vacation estate instead of a regular detention center.

On Dec. 23, 2003, the court granted Estrada's request to undergo knee surgery in the United States. But Estrada, who claimed he risked paralysis if he did not undergo the procedure, allowed the three-month medical furlough to lapse. He said the US Embassy refused to give him a visa and that he found the \$1 million cost of the US operation too high.

This time, Mow is charging only \$55,000 in "estimated professional fees," Estrada's aides said.

According to a letter from Jeremy Low of the HK Adventist Hospital, Estrada's hospital bill has been set at \$57,868 "for 18 days' hospital stay."

His private room at the hospital would cost \$370 per night, and an apartment near the hospital, \$154 per night.

In approving Estrada's petition, the four associate justices—Teresa Leonardo-De Castro, Francisco Villaruz, Efrén de la Cruz and Teresina Diaz-Baldos—said they were adhering to the same reasons cited in the 2003 resolution, which they said "are presently existing [and] that should guide this court in exercising sound discretion."

'Baseless' petition

Presiding Justice Edilberto Sandoval, who also objected to the first travel permit, was the lone dissenter, arguing that Estrada's petition was "baseless."

Sandoval warned that the decision "would open a floodgate of petitions for the same relief all over the country from other accused similarly or better situated."

The court order stipulated that the 67-year-old Estrada post a P1-million bond and submit a personal undertaking that he recognizes the court's authority over him and that he will return to Manila after the surgery.

It also said that during the 20 days in Hong Kong Estrada remain confined at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital "and not at any other place."

Four police officers are to escort Estrada "at all times" at Estrada's expense. With reports from TJ Burgonito and Juliet Labog-Javellana

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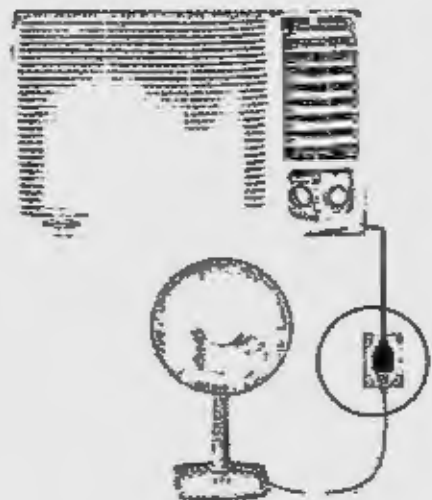


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OPERATION SAGIP BUHAY

Save lives, give to relief for typhoon victims

By Volt Contreras

A HUMANITARIAN mission that includes the Inquirer is appealing for donations in cash, food items, medicines, clothes, beddings, cooking ware—or hopefully even the use of private helicopters that can speed up their delivery—for the thousands victimized by the series of storms that had hit Quezon, the Bicol region, and other parts of Luzon.

Government agencies, business groups, and civic organizations behind "Operation Sagip Buhay" are practically racing against time as super typhoon "Yoyong" began pummeling last night almost the same areas ravaged by earlier storms "Winnie," "Violeta" and "Uding."

Sagip Buhay (Save Lives) is setting up a reception and packing center for donated goods at Camp Aguilaldo, and is also accepting cash or check contributions through Account No. 1328004263 at Equitable-PCI Bank, ADB-Ortigas branch.

Its immediate target is to ensure food supply for families trapped in flooded villages or crammed in evacuation centers—at least for the next 10 days.

Partners from the private sector include this paper, the Ayala Foundation, the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce, Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., Smart, the Prelate of Infanta in Quezon, Unilab, Hands On Manila, the Assisi Foundation, and the Corporate Network for Disaster Response.

On the government side are the Office of Civil Defense and the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

The Inquirer will provide updates on the movement of goods as well as their recipients. PLDT and Smart will help the Prelate of Infanta maintain contact between the isolated towns and relief workers.

In a meeting of Sagip partners hosted by the Inquirer yesterday, DSWD Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman said the public may also course their donations through church-based or civic organizations if they cannot personally bring them to Camp Aguilaldo.

"This is a moment when we as a country need again to rise up to the occasion," Soliman said.

Citing the difficulty encountered by soldiers and volunteers



SAGIP Buhay partners headed by Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman plot strategy for humanitarian operation. JM GUANO/PUNZALAN

In delivering relief goods, particularly to the isolated Quezon towns of Real and Infanta, CNDR chair Bertie Lim said big companies with choppers might as well lend their aircraft to Sagip Buhay.

Quoting DSWD estimates, Assisi Foundation president and former Ambassador Howard Dee said around 150,000 families may be affected by both Winnie and Yoyong.

"We will try to raise at least half of their (relief) requirements as a counterpart to what the government will provide," Dy said.

Aside from food, the DSWD said, the flood victims need blankets and sleeping mats, mosquito nets, clothes, medicines, water purifiers and jugs, stoves and kitchen utensils, tarpaulins and tents, toiletries, batteries, candles and matches.

CNDR's Lim said Sagip Buhay hopes to churn out a standard food pack containing the following: six kilos of rice, at least three pieces of canned goods, 1/2 kilo of mungo, 1 kilo sugar, 1/4 kilo of salt, a bar of detergent, a pint of cooking oil, and five gallons of drinking water.

Taipan Lucio Tan, president emeritus of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce, donated 10,000 cases of mineral and distilled water and Ambassador Alfredo Yoo, chair of Zesto, gave 10,000 packs of noodles. Robin Sy of the Binondo Disaster Fund Campaign, said cash donations have so far reached P2.5 million.

CNDR was formed in the aftermath of the 1990 Luzon killer earthquake and has since been active in disaster management and preparedness campaigns. Its members include some of the country's top corporations and business associations.

One member, Microsoft Philippines, for example, has already donated \$8,000 for Winnie and Yoyong's victims, Lim said in an interview.

Lim also reported that in a meeting with Energy Secretary Vince Perez the other night, oil companies Shell and Petron and at least nine independent power producers pledged to fund the procurement of around 300,000 canned goods worth between P6 million and P7 million.

Four hospitals in Metro Manila—the Medical City, Cardinal Santos, Lourdes Hospital, and the Philippine General Hospital—have signified their willing-

ness to send medical missions to the calamity areas, Lim added.

In the meeting, the Sagip partners noted the uniqueness of the unfolding tragedy: practically the same cluster of provinces got lashed by four successive storms in less than two weeks.

After Winnie, the third storm, the coping mechanisms of the local governments were already "overwhelmed and depleted," they noted.

Fr. Francis Lucas, former parish priest of Infanta, said Sagip will deliver the relief goods in waves but would allow the OCD to move in first to the affected areas.

Asked to assess the horrors that befell the town, Lucas said: "This is the worst disaster we've had, mostly because of the suddenness of the floods. Before, people could still laugh about it when it rains non-stop for two days. If ever there was flooding, the water would rise just up to the knee."

IN THE KNOW

Weather 101

IS A WEATHER disturbance a tropical storm, depression, typhoon or a cyclone? Cyclone is the generic term which refers to a relatively small, intensely developed low pressure cell.

Combined with the tendency to drift sideways because of the earth's rotation, winds spin inward (like a circle) in a counterclockwise direction in the Northern Hemisphere and in a clockwise direction in the Southern Hemisphere.

When this low pressure system is formed in the tropics, it is called a tropical cyclone. Outside of the tropics, it is called extra-tropical cyclone.

Bagyo is the current name in the Philippines for a tropical cyclone. Tropical cyclones are also called hurricanes, tropical depressions, tropical storms and typhoons depending upon intensity.

A tropical cyclone that has matured to a severe intensity is called a hurricane when it occurs in the Atlantic Ocean or adjacent seas.

It is called a typhoon when it occurs in the Pacific Ocean area, the China Sea or adjacent seas; a willy-nilly around Australia; or simply a cyclone or tropical cyclone when it occurs in the Indian Ocean region.

Pagasa says a tropical cyclone is a typhoon if it has winds that exceed 118 kph. It is a super typhoon if it carries winds of more than 185 km per hour (or Storm Signal No. 4, see below). Less intense than typhoons are tropical depressions and storms.

An encyclopedia defines a storm as a marked disturbance in the normal state of the atmosphere with strong winds as its most prominent characteristic. It says that it is also used for other types of weather disturbance, including thunderstorms, rainstorms, sand storms, etc.

But what Pagasa calls a storm is a tropical cyclone that packs winds of 64 to 118 kph. Less intense than a storm is called a tropical depression, which has winds that do not exceed 63 kph.

Tropical depressions are most common in the region of the equatorial or intertropical convergence zones.

The Intertropical convergence zone, a term often used in Pagasa weather bulletins, refers to the axis or the dividing line of two belts of wind from the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere, which are blowing constantly as they move toward the equator from the eastern side.

Other terms that refer to weather disturbances include: Thunderstorm: Weather disturbance that produces thunder and lightning aside from wind and rain.

Tornado: A violently rotating column of air that reaches from the base of a cloud to the ground (in funnel shape) and made visible by condensation and debris. In other areas it is called a violent thundersquall. The diameter of a tornado varies from a few feet to a mile; the rotating winds may attain velocities of 320 to 480 kph. A tornado is usually accompanied by thunder, lightning, heavy rain, and a loud "freight train" noise.

Although tornadoes have occurred on every continent except Antarctica, they are most common in the United States, especially in what is known as Tornado Alley, which is usually understood to include the plains from north central Texas, north to the Dakotas, with the peak frequency located in Oklahoma. Tornadoes occurring over water are called waterspouts. PDI Research

Sources: Pagasa, PDI archives and <http://www.infoplease.com/>

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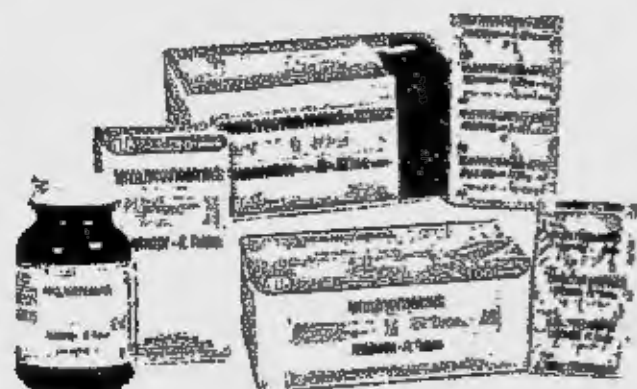
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Cell phone rates to rise with franchise tax hike

By Cynthia D. Balana

MOBILE phone rates would rise should Congress and the executive branch push through with the imposition of a 5- to 7-percent franchise tax on telecommunication firms in order to raise much-needed revenues for the government.

Globe Telecommunications senior vice president Rodolfo Salalima yesterday told a joint House committee hearing that the tax would result in a corresponding increase in phone rates that would be passed on to consumers.

"We believe that with the additional imposition, there would be an increase in rates. It's an inevitable consequence," Salalima said.

At present, telecom firms charge a 10-percent value-added

tax (VAT) on mobile phone rates. The franchise tax would be on the windfall profits of the firms.

"All taxes paid by telecommunication companies are considered part of operating costs which are passable to consumers," Salalima said.

Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman thought the executive branch was singling out telecom firms simply because they were making good money.

But Finance Undersecretary Grace Pulido-Tan said that because of the fiscal crisis the government was facing, it had to find ways to raise revenues quickly.

"Telecommunication companies are very buoyant, meaning they have a lot to spare. And since the industry is robust... we're counting on them to raise funds," Tan said.

they were making a lot of money. Tan answered the government had no choice.

"I don't think it's fair but we've also some good reasons to impose taxes on services rendered by telecommunication companies," she said.

Lagman then asked if there was a constitutional provision that prohibited companies from passing on their taxes to consumers.

Salalima replied that there had been jurisprudence such as in the case of Meralco, which was ordered by the Supreme Court last year to refund to its customers the amount it had charged them to pay for the power firm's taxes.

But Tarlac Rep. Jesli Lapus, ways and means committee chair, said it would be impossible to stop companies from passing on costs to consumers.

"I don't think that can be legislated. It's a business decision. They could decide to absorb or pass this [tax] on to consumers," Lapus said.

He, however, said that any increase would still have to be approved by the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) which hears rate hike requests.

No choice

She said it was the same case with the "sin" taxes the government wants to raise on cigarettes and alcohol products, for which legislation is pending in the Senate after it was passed by the House.

Lagman asked if this was fair to the telecom firms just because

Forum on abuse of women today

A FORUM tackling the implementing rules and regulations of a new law that considers abuse of women in intimate relations and their children a crime opens today at the University of the Philippines College of Law auditorium.

The forum, sponsored by the Philippine National Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (Unifem) and the UP Center for Women's Studies (UPCWS), aims to increase public awareness of Republic Act 9262.

Supreme Court Associate Justice Adolf Azcuna, who is currently a member of the high court's

gender committee, will speak on the judiciary's role in the implementation of the law and in ensuring gender justice.

Like other gender committees in government offices, the high court's gender committee works to promote equality between men and women and make development programs gender-sensitive, as well as remove barriers to the just treatment of women and their children.

The UP College of Law, College of Mass Communication and University Student Council are co-sponsors of the forum, which starts at 9 a.m. today.

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Mayors get P1-M advance from IRA

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday gave some town mayors an early Christmas present—P1 million apiece—in the form of an advance of their Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) for 2005.

The P1 million, however, would only go to mayors who had earlier offered to forgo half of the 10-percent increase in their IRAs to help the government overcome its financial problems.

President Arroyo thanked the mayors in a speech she delivered at the 14th general assembly of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines at the Manila Hotel yesterday.

"This [was] purely voluntary, but for those who [would] help us in this way, in return you will get a release of P1 million of the 2005 IRA," Ms Arroyo told the mayors.

She expressed the hope that the mayors would spend the P1 million on programs of her 10-point legacy agenda.

"I also want to thank the mayors who have been going to the congressmen and the senators that you helped get elected [to ask them] to fast-track the revenue measures needed by our country," Ms Arroyo said.

Malacañang did not say how many town mayors had opted to forgo the annual 10-percent increase in their IRA.

The LMP groups the country's 1,495 municipal mayors.

There is a separate League of Cities, composed of all city mayors, and a League of Provinces, to which all governors belong.

Ms Arroyo said the municipal mayors could look forward to another reward if the tax measures she had proposed to Congress were enacted soon.

"Because you have been campaigning with them and because of their own sense of urgency and patriotism, I am confident that Congress will pass the revenue measures we have forwarded, which will mean that, hopefully, your towns may not need to take the IRA cuts after all," she said.

At the close of the assembly, the LMP passed a manifesto of support for the President's 10-point agenda in her new six-year term.

The 10-point program includes the creation of six million jobs; more classrooms and more scholarships for the poor; balancing the budget, water and electricity for every barangay; the decongestion of Metro Manila, and the linking of the entire country through transportation and digital infrastructure.

"We hereby commit ourselves, our municipalities and our constituents to actively work for the implementation and realization of the Ten-Point Agenda of the government," read the manifesto signed by Mayors Ramon Guico Jr. and Gerardo Calderon, national president and secretary general, respectively, of the LMP.

Japan offers leniency to illegals who leave voluntarily

TOKYO—Japan began Thursday to offer leniency to illegal immigrants who leave voluntarily as part of a campaign aimed at halving the number of foreigners lacking proper documents in the country, authorities said.

Some 90 people queued up at the Tokyo Immigration Office to take advantage of the provision,

which trims to one from five years the time illegal residents are barred from reentering Japan if they turned themselves in, public broadcaster NHK said.

"I came here because I want to come back to Japan after one year," one Chinese man told NHK.

A woman from the Philippines told the station she showed up

saying, "I would face a penalty if I was caught."

The amended law, which took effect Thursday, also eliminated detention for foreigners who overstayed their visas, provided they have not committed serious crimes.

At the same time, the maximum fine for illegal entry was raised to

three million yen (\$29,000) from 300,000 yen. Illegals deported for the second time or more would be banned from reentry for 10 years instead of five years.

Those caught overstaying without turning themselves in would still be barred from reentering Japan for five years.

The government has been trying

to halve the number of illegal aliens in Japan from the current level of 250,000 by December 2008, an immigration spokeswoman said.

Government studies have said Japan needed to open up to a large number of immigrants to ensure a sufficient labor force as the country has one of the world's lowest birth rates.

But mass immigration is seen as meeting public opposition, with surveys showing most Japanese attribute a rise in crime to foreigners.

Japan has since 1967 encouraged foreigners with certain sought-after skills, such as engineers and academics, to work in the country, but denies visas to unskilled laborers. **AFP**

GMA to keynote education congress

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo will be the keynote speaker in the 1st National ICTs in Basic Education Congress on Dec. 6-7 at the Waterfront Hotel in Lahug, Cebu City.

The congress is being organized by the Foundation for Information Technology Education and Development (FIT-ED) and the Department of Education, in partnership with the University of the Philippines-Open University and the Cebu-based Coalition for Better Education. FIT-ED, chaired by Ambassador Roberto R. Romulo, is a nongovernment organization which aims to increase IT awareness in the Philippines and contribute to the efforts of enabling Philippine society for the information age.

Expected to attend the Congress are some 800 to 1,000 public and private school teachers and administrators. The Congress' main objective is to awaken the minds of local educators to the benefits of using technology as a tool for teaching and learning.

Major corporate sponsors for the event include the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, Equitable-PCI Bank and PLDT/Smart Communications. Other corporate sponsors include CISCO Systems, Intel, Microsoft Philippines, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, IBM, Innove Communications, Petron, Aboitiz 1, Nestle and Connel Communications. Also helping fund this event are the office of Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr., the Commission on Information and Communication Technology (CICT) and the Center for Industrial Technology and Enterprise (CITE).

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Friday, December 3, 2004
1st Week of Advent

1st Reading: Is 29:17-24
Gospel: Mt 9:27-31

As Jesus moved on from Capernaum, two blind men followed him, shouting, "Son of David, help us!" When he was about to enter the house, the blind men caught up with him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do what you want?" They answered, "Yes, sir!"

Then Jesus touched their eyes and said, "As you have believed, so let it be." And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus gave them a stern warning, "Be careful and let no one know about this." But as soon as they went away, they spread the news about him through the whole area.

Commentary

St. Jerome (347-420 AD) said about this healing, "The miracles that had gone before (raising the official's daughter to life, and curing the woman with the issue of blood) are now followed by the healing of two blind men, so that what death and disease had witnessed, blindness might witness now." And he could have added that it is followed by the healing of the dumb demoniac.

It seems to say that the word of God is able to penetrate all our barriers. In a famous passage in his Confessions, St. Augustine wrote, "You called me; you cried aloud to me; you broke through my barrier of deafness. You shone upon me; your radiance enveloped me; you put my blindness to flight. You shed your fragrance about me; I drew breath and now I gasp for you. I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me and I burned for your peace" (Book X, 27). Notice that he uses all five senses. This is normal in Augustine's writing: he is like an organism who uses the full range of the instrument.

We are God's imperfect instruments; many of the reeds and pipes and pallets are broken or missing. But the Lord is working on us: one day, we hope, we will fill the world with God's praise.

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'Yoyong' slams Luzon

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Union and Ilocos Sur.

The typhoon's speed would have it pass through the country in a relatively short time, according to Nathaniel Cruz, branch chief of the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa). "It will destroy everything in its path but it won't last a while," Cruz said yesterday afternoon.

Yoyong should be in the South China Sea by 8 a.m. today, he said. It was forecast to be 330 km west northwest of Labag, Ilocos Sur, by this afternoon.

"We can't let our guard down just because the typhoon is already out of the country (by 8 a.m.). We still have to worry about wind-caused landslides, especially since the typhoon's winds must have already swept considerable vegetation in the mountains," Cruz said.

Scores have been reported missing and more than 160,000 people fled to higher ground or crowded into schools and town halls. Thousands of passengers were stranded in various ports in Southern Luzon and the Visayas.

A landslide in Sipocot, Camarines Sur, closed the Maharlika Highway to traffic at about 2 p.m., affecting travel between Bicol and Metro Manila.

A tidal wave hit the island town of Panukulan in northern Quezon yesterday, reported the Kabalikit Civicom radio group in Real town.

Classes, offices suspended

Press Secretary Bunye said President Macapagal-Arroyo had ordered classes in all levels and work in government offices suspended today in Metro Manila and in Regions 2, 3, 4 and 5.

As the typhoon battered Bicol, at least 15,866 people were evacuated in the region.

In Siruma, Camarines Sur, at least two fishermen were reported missing while three of their companions had been found in Calabanga, according to the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

"There are other reported missing persons in Camarines Sur and Catanduanes but we don't know yet if typhoon Yoyong was the cause," OCD regional director Arnel Capili told the Inquirer.

The OCD in Bicol said that in Albay alone, 4,153 persons were evacuated to elementary schools.

In Catanduanes, particularly Virac, Bato and Bagamanoc, 957 persons were evacuated, and in Camarines Sur, 9,500. Earlier,



SEARCH and rescue operations conducted by Army soldiers near the town of Real, Quezon, recover a naked boy shivering in the cold.

1,281 evacuees were reported in the towns of Calabanga, Canaman, Magarao, Milao, Sangay and Bato.

Power cut

Electricity was cut in Catanduanes as of 6 a.m. yesterday, while certain areas in Albay, the Camarines provinces and Sorsogon experienced power outages.

Areas affected by flash floods were Tabaco, Malinao and those located at the foot of Mayon.

In Central Luzon, floods caused by "Winnie" killed 16 more people and drowned 90 carabaos in three towns in Nueva Ecija, disaster officials said. So far, 48 people have died from floods and landslides while 101 people were missing, according to the Department of Social Welfare and Development regional office.

Stranded passengers in the different ports of Bicol numbered 1,837. In Mamog alone, a total of 1,000 passengers have been stranded since 5 a.m. yesterday. In Pilar, 475; Tabaco, 250; Virac, 25; Buluan, 30; Sabang, Camarines Sur, 30, and Masbate, 50.

More than 650 passengers were stranded at the Batangas International Port, said Batangas Coast Guard chief Lt. Commander Elpidio Guinjo. He said 140 cargo trucks and 23 "roll-on roll-off" vessels were grounded in

10 worst typhoons in the Philippines (1948-2004)*

Date	Name	Affected	Dead	Hurt	Damage (P)
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 1965	Rosing	MCR, CAR, Regions I-V & VIII	830	4,152	10.83
Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 1963	Kadlang	CAR, Regions I-III	576	337	8.78
Nov. 2-6, 1991	TS Uring	Regions VI & VIII	6,101	292	1.06
Nov. 10-14, 1999	Ruping	MCR, Regions III-XII	930	1,278	10.06
Nov. 23-27, 1967	Sisang	Regions IV, V & VIII	808	927	1.12
Nov. 3-6, 1984	Urdang	Regions IV-VIII	885	2,628	1.84
Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 1984	Nilang	Regions IV, VI-VIII, & X-XI	900	1,956	3.91
Oct. 16-22, 1970	Tilung	Region IV and Mindanao	661	76	0.305
Sept. 12-15, 1970	Sening	Regions II-IV & VI	575	1,503	0.979
Oct. 17-22, 1962	Trix	Region V	986	0	0.089

*Does not include typhoon Winnie

PDI Research
Sources: NOCC, Pagasa and Typhoon2000.com

the port grounds.

He said all trips to Oriental Mindoro, Abra de Ilog in Occidental Mindoro, Romblon and Catiguan, Antique were suspended.

In Lucena, Quezon, a total of 40 people were reported stranded. Thirty-one were stranded in San Jose, Batangas; 22 in Romblon, and 21 in Real in Quezon. A total of 222 buses, cars and trucks and 19 sea vessels were reported stranded in these places.

Adriano Fuego, regional director of the Office of Civil Defense-8, said at least 1,539 passengers bound for Luzon were stranded at two ports in Allen, Northern Samar. Also, 40 buses, 39 light vehicles and 56 trucks

were stuck at the ports.

Tidal wave

A text message from Catherine Cervantes, a Kabalikit Civicom member in Atimonan town, said she was informed by her communication colleague from Real, Quezon, that a tidal wave hit the coastal villages of Bonbon, Matangkap, Pandan and Pagitan.

However, when the Inquirer contacted Roberto Taule, head of the Coast Guard detachment in Real, he said he didn't have a report on the incident. He said his men didn't have any means to verify the information because of the bad weather.

When the Inquirer contacted Kabalikit in Real town, the source

said he got the information from Coast Guard personnel themselves. The Kabalikit member, who requested that his name be withheld, identified the Coast Guard men who provided him the information as Atendido and Ramos.

Real Mayor Arsenio Ramalosa, in a satellite phone interview, said he also had heard the report about the tidal wave in Panukulan. "But it is far from my town, I don't have any means to verify the report," he said.

Eastern Visayas

In Eastern Visayas, three provinces in the region have been without electricity since Wednesday evening. Classes in the elementary and secondary levels were also suspended in the region.

Fuego said the provinces of Eastern Samar, Northern Samar and Biliran suffered power interruptions brought about by the strong winds and heavy rains spawned by "Yoyong."

Power was partially restored in Borongan, the capital town of Eastern Samar, yesterday afternoon after the Philippine Transmission Co. (Transco) was able to repair the electric posts that were nearly toppled by strong winds.

At least seven passenger vessels bound for Leyte were not allowed to depart from Cebu ports.

Heavy rains spawned by "Yoyong" began pouring on the Samar provinces yesterday afternoon but, so far, there had been no report of flooding or landslides, according to Governors Raul Daza of Northern Samar and Ben Evarone of Eastern Samar.

Negros Occidental

In Negros Occidental, two bodies washed ashore Wednesday amid heavy rains over the last two days.

The body of another man, aged between 15-20, also washed ashore in Barangay Talubangi, Kabankalan, yesterday. The body remained unidentified and was brought to the DND Funeral Parlor in the town proper.

In Cebu City, Cindy Lou Bacoy, 8, died after she was buried alive in a 3-foot excavation she dug near the riverbank in Barangay Tisa of the city.

With reports from Leila B. Salaverria in Manila; Gil Francis G. Arevalo, Jed L. Bacason, Nifio Jesus Orbeta, Michael B. Jaucian, Marlon Ramos, Delfin T. Mallari Jr. and Juan Escandor PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Joey A. Gabieta, Cyraln G. Cabuenas, Carla R. Gomez and Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau; and PDI Northern Luzon Bureau and Central Luzon Desk

AFF, NPA in stormy exchange over truce

LUCENA CITY—The Armed Forces should declare a "unilateral ceasefire" to ensure the peaceful delivery of relief goods to calamity victims, Communist Party of the Philippines spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal said yesterday.

Rosal made the statement in reply to a request by Quezon Vice Gov. David Suarez for the New People's Army to lay off soldiers engaged in rescue and relief operations.

"Tell Vice Governor Suarez that the NPA will not harass the soldiers. But it is better if the military will declare a unilateral ceasefire," he said in a phone interview.

But Rosal's proposal was immediately shot down by Maj. Gen. Pedro Cabuay, commander of the Southern Luzon Command based in Camp Nakar here.

"If they are really sincere and honest in helping the suffering calamity victims, why the need for us to declare a unilateral ceasefire?" Cabuay said, adding:

"Why can't [Rosal] order the NPA to desist from launching offensives against soldiers engaged in rescue and relief operations?"

"I think this only shows that [Rosal] no longer controls his men," Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

All gov't hospitals on code-white

HEALTH Secretary Manuel Dayrit has put all government hospitals and regional health offices on code-white alert, which means all key departments and personnel would be on standby for emergencies.

Dayrit said the Department of Health was closely monitoring calamity areas and evacuation centers to ensure that no disease pattern would lead to a disease outbreak.

He advised those in evacuation centers to take extra care in avoiding communicable ailments.

In a health advisory issued yesterday, the DOH particularly stressed the importance of drinking safe water.

"When in doubt, do not drink. Boil water for two minutes or chlorinate to make it safe. Water containers should be clean and covered at all times," the DOH said.

It said leftover food should be kept in clean containers and covered at all times to keep household pests away. Food should be cooked well.

Dayrit advised parents to prevent their children from playing in floodwaters and to seek medical attention immediately when the kids show any symptoms of infection or weakness.

He also said proper hygiene and waste disposal should protect the household from lingering bacteria or harmful microorganisms.

Among the common infections during the rainy days are coughs and colds, acute gastroenteritis, leptospirosis, measles, dengue and hepatitis A.

Blanche S. Rivera

Some tips after the storm

SOME tips after the typhoon:

- If you have stayed out of your house and it has been weakened by the typhoon, reenter with caution and check its foundations.
- Watch out for broken electric wires.
- Report broken utility lines (electricity, water, gas and telephone) to the appropriate agencies or authorities.
- Do not turn on the main electrical switch until it has been properly checked.
- Do not swim or ride a boat in swollen rivers.
- Do not go sight-seeing in disaster areas where your presence might hamper rescue and other emergency operations.
- Report incidences of price manipulation to the local office of the Department of Trade and Industry.
- Residents of hillside communities should be on alert for signs of possible landslide. Before a landslide, there is a gradual, often unnoticed movement, but this shows up in the cracking and sloping downward of structures. Warning signs include cracks that appear on the ground and on the walls of buildings, even with no ground shakes. The cracks are "arcuate" or curved; fences and electric posts bend or slope downward; rock beds also show signs of bending, and trees appear to be sloping down.
- Know the contact numbers of emergency response councils and concerned government authorities or NGOs in your area.

Some emergency numbers:

MERALCO-16211
Red Cross-5245787/5278384 to 89
NDCC-912-5979; 912-2665
DSWD-931-79-16, 931-80-68
Civil Defense Operation Center-911-5061

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DINGALAN, Aurora, resident Shewin Belgar was airlifted and rushed to Fort Magsaysay Hospital in Laur, Nueva Ecija.

French firm offers free satellite use

THE FRENCH telecoms firm Vodafone yesterday offered the use of its satellites to improve communications in areas ravaged by the typhoons.

Vodafone, through Telecoms Sans Frontier, joined the list of international groups that have offered assistance to the National Disaster Coordinating Council.

The US government, through the Joint US Military Advisory Group (Jusmag), provided \$100,000 to the Philippine National Red Cross for the purchase of relief items for the typhoon victims, according to a statement from the US Embassy.

The Japanese government, through the Japanese International Coordinating Agency, also donated power generators, water purifiers and assorted relief items.

He said it was up to the airline companies if they wanted to suspend flights.

"We are open 24 hours for any emergency or commercial operations. Flight cancellations would have to be decided by the airlines," said Cusi.

The MIAA general manager said a Japan Airlines flight scheduled to arrive at 10:05 p.m. yesterday was moved to 11:50 this

morning. A Singapore Airlines scheduled to arrive at 10:25 last night was rescheduled to 11:25 this morning.

Cebu Pacific yesterday canceled the following overseas flights: Subic to Incheon, Korea; a return flight from Korea; a flight to Hong Kong and one back.

Also canceled were flights to and from Subic, Cebu, Iloilo, Davao and Bacolod.

Typhoon grounds planes; many flights canceled

By Clarissa S. Batino

AIRLINES canceled evening flights while metro railway systems halted operations starting at 6 p.m. last night in anticipation of the arrival of Typhoon "Yoyong" in Metro Manila.

Cebu Pacific canceled more than 10 domestic and overseas flights yesterday. Smaller opera-

tors like Asian Spirit also suspended most trips.

But Philippine Air Lines (PAL) said operations were normal except for the morning flight to and from Legazpi City.

PAL sister firm Air Philippines Corp. said all flights proceeded as scheduled except for a chartered flight to Daegu in Korea.

"Our projection based on the

typhoon tracking is that operations would be normal even on Friday unless Yoyong changes course. We will act accordingly and immediately issue an advisory," said PAL vice president Rolando Estabillo in an interview at 5:30 p.m.

PAL has a nightly trip to the United States and other overseas destinations.

In its advisory as of 6 p.m., PAL

said it would operate its normal schedule for flights (both domestic and international) out of Manila last night.

Continue to operate

Alfonso Cusi, general manager of the Manila International Airport Authority, said the international and domestic airports in Metro Manila would continue to operate.

The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

New Ukraine election likely to be held

KIEV—A new Ukrainian poll of some sort looked increasingly likely as parliament and the Supreme Court pressed ahead on Thursday with efforts to resolve a national crisis over a disputed presidential election.

Supporters thronged in slush-filled streets, heeding opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko's call not to let momentum slip in overturning an election he said was stolen by Moscow-backed rival Viktor Yanukovich by mass fraud.

Jan Kubis, OSCE secretary general and part of a foreign mediation team in Kiev, expressed optimism that progress was being made toward resolving the crisis.

"I am very glad that there is a political will on both sides to find a way out of this

political crisis," he said in a BBC interview.

He noted, "We would like to see the two candidates, Mister Yushchenko and Yanukovich, meeting once again, then to start a political reform and eventually to constitute a new government but all this is part of one package."

Hundreds of demonstrators blocked government buildings despite what outgoing President Leonid Kuchma said was an agreement on Wednesday to free them.

"We are letting in civil servants, but no

politicians," said a guard at a blockade near the main government building.

Talks on Wednesday between the two protagonists failed to end a standoff that threatens to tear apart the former Soviet republic situated between old master Russia and the EU.

But both sides, whose talks were brokered by international mediators, agreed to proceed with constitutional changes long sought by Kuchma to reduce the powers of the president and boost those of parliament.

No more talks were scheduled pending a ruling by the Supreme Court on Yushchenko's complaint of electoral fraud in the Nov. 21 run-off for the presidency.

The court's ruling will be pivotal to resolving the crisis, which has dented the economy. If the court, meeting for a fourth day, rules in favor of the opposition, election officials will have to revoke the victory they handed to Yanukovich.

Ten days into the crisis, the opposition scored a victory in its drive to overturn the election result when parliament sacked Yanukovich as prime minister. But Yanukovich called the decision illegal and refused to accept it.

Yushchenko, who regards links to the West as key to Ukraine's future while Yanukovich views strong ties to Moscow as essential for the country's develop-

ment, has brought vast crowds of supporters onto the streets to back his case.

The European Union, the United States and other Western powers have called for a new election to end the standoff. Nato urged politicians not to reduce the dispute to an East-West row.

Yushchenko said after the talks ended on Wednesday that he wanted a repeat of last month's run-off between Yanukovich and Yushchenko—and not a completely new poll as favored by Kuchma.

"If the idea of a completely new election is raised again, there is absolutely no point in taking part in these talks," he told supporters. Reuters

Diplomats give embattled Annan show of support

UNITED NATIONS—World diplomats gave a show of support on Wednesday for embattled Secretary General Kofi Annan, who is facing mounting criticism over the UN role in Iraqi oil sales under Saddam Hussein.



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The move came as a leading US senator investigating the UN's now defunct oil-for-food program called for Annan to resign, claiming he had evidence that the UN official in charge had received pay-offs from Saddam's regime.

The US government distanced itself from but did not directly reject the call by Sen. Norm Coleman, which came on the heels of another appeal from a leading US newspaper columnist this week for Annan to step down.

Diplomats from several nations met with Annan at UN headquarters in New York and expressed their support, said Spain's ambassador to the United Nations, Juan Antonio Yanez-Barnuevo.

He said the UN chief was facing "unfair, unwarranted attacks" and that Annan, whose term concludes at the end of 2006, had been "an inspiration to us all." He said the diplomats had found Annan "in very good spirits." African nations meanwhile sent a letter, obtained by AFP, that pledged "unflinching support" for the secretary general.

"The African group is very disturbed by these (media) reports, their bias and lack of objectivity as well as their propaganda value," said the letter. "The group commends you on the able manner in which you have been handling the situation."

Annan appointed former US federal reserve banking chairman Paul Volcker to investigate wide-ranging allegations of impropriety in the program, which allowed Iraq to sell oil under UN supervision to buy humanitarian supplies.

But Coleman, who is heading a separate US Senate investigation into the program, said in the Wall Street Journal that Annan should leave office immediately. AFP

Tensions rise between black, white Aussies

SYDNEY—With relations between black and white Australia edging toward a flash point, Australian police charged two men on Thursday over reports that an aboriginal boy was dragged along the ground with a noose around his neck.

The incident during a farm break-in in tropical Queensland state followed a riot six days ago on a remote Queensland island sparked by the death of an aboriginal man in a police cell.

Two men and two boys are suspected of breaking into a farmhouse near Goondiwindi, 280 km west of the state capital Brisbane, on Tuesday. Police said the four were confronted by farm workers.

Aboriginal leaders said a 16-year-old boy was caught as he tried to escape across a river. His captors tied his hands, put a rope around his neck and dragged him up and down a river bank before he was beaten and threatened with a shotgun.

Media said the aborigine boy was in hospital with head and chest injuries and possible rope burns on his neck. The other boy escaped after a scuffle and raised the alarm at the nearby Toomelah aboriginal community.

Late on Thursday, police charged a 44-year-old man and a 23-year-old man with assault and ordered them to appear in court on Jan. 18. Charges of breaking and entering and theft were also laid against a 19-year-old from Toomelah. Reuters

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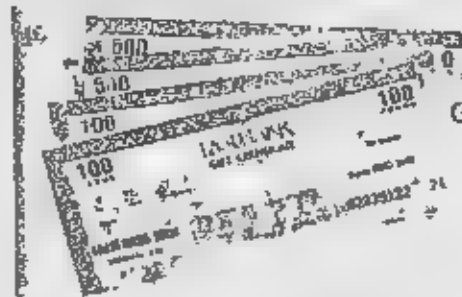
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Miss China Yang Jin (center) poses with Miss Chinese Taipei Yi Hua Xu (left) and Miss Hong Kong Queenie Chu during a photo session for the Miss World Contest in Sanya, on south China's Hainan Island Dec. 2. One hundred and seven contestants are in Sanya preparing for the final on Dec. 4.

US ups forces in Iraq to their highest levels

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon said Wednesday it is increasing US forces in Iraq to their highest levels since last year's invasion, extending tours of duty and deploying fresh troops from the United States to provide security for elections on Jan. 30.

US force levels in Iraq will climb from 138,000 to about 150,000 by late December or early January, said Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, of the Joint Staff's operations directorate.

"The 150,000 is the highest level since the invasion force," Rodriguez said. The United States had about 150,000 ground troops in Iraq at the end of major combat operations April 30, 2003.

The 2nd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division, the 2nd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and a transportation company will have their

tours of duty extended for between 45 and 60 days through the Jan. 30 elections, he said.

Two battalions of the 82nd Airborne Division also have been ordered to deploy to Iraq for 120 days as part of the effort to bolster security during the elections.

"The purpose is mainly to provide security for the elections, but it is also to keep up the pressure on the insurgents following the Fallujah operation," Rodriguez said.

The US-led assault on Fallujah and fighting around other insurgent strongholds in the predominantly Sunni areas made November one of the deadliest months since the US invasion, with US troops suffering at least 134 dead.

The violence is expected to intensify as insurgents fight to derail the elections.

Gen. George Casey, the top US commander in Iraq, decided to extend the deployments of units already in Iraq to keep experienced forces on the ground during the period, Rodriguez said.

"They are the ones who know the ground best, who have worked with the people closest," he said.

"As far as how they will be used over there, that will be determined by the ground commander," he said.

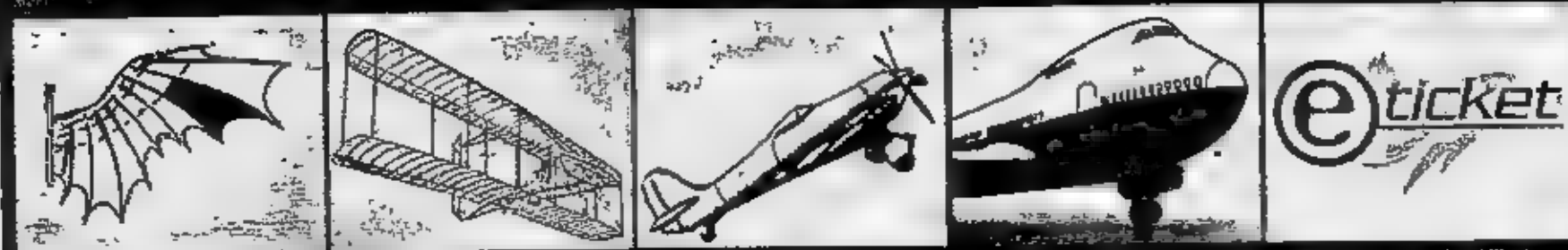
Rodriguez said the decision to step up US force levels in Iraq was "no reflection" on the performance of the newly trained Iraqi security forces, which now number about 115,000.

"The Iraqi forces have continued to improve. They are making progress toward being able to provide for their own security," he said.

Sen. Jack Reed, a Democratic member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the Pentagon announcement showed that "commanders in Iraq need more troops and that this will be a long and very expensive process for the United States."

"While our forces in Iraq have been very effective in defeating the insurgents in Fallujah, there are not enough troops to respond to terrorist attacks in all areas of the country and there are certainly not enough US or Iraqi trained forces to provide adequate security for the elections in January," he said. **AFP**

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Nations pledge to cut ignorance about AIDS

BELING—The world's two most populous nations promised on Wednesday to eradicate ignorance about AIDS, a disease dismissed at first as a Western evil confined to drug users, homosexuals and prostitutes.

In the world's poorest continent, Africa, where the epidemic has ripped huge holes in the social and economic fabric, thousands staged rallies to mark World AIDS Day.

The World Health Organization estimates there are 25.4 million HIV sufferers in sub-Saharan Africa, 60 percent of the global total in a region with 10 percent of the world's population.

Activists and governments around the world marked the day with events drawing attention to the disease and promoting its eradication.

"HIV/AIDS is the greatest health crisis of our time. Its defeat requires the cooperation of the entire global community," US President George W. Bush said in Washington.

China, criticized for its slow initial response to HIV/AIDS, put on a display of commitment to fighting a disease the United Nations fears could infect 10 million Chinese by 2010.

In India, where over 5 million people have already been infected, the government pledged greater efforts to promote awareness, especially in rural areas and among the young.

"The world can no longer afford to ignore the enormity of the HIV epidemic," Antonio Costa, executive director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, said in Beijing.

"AIDS affects us all," said UN Secretary General Kofi Annan who called it "the worst epidemic humanity has ever faced." **Reuters**

Ultrasound scans not risk for baby

PARIS—Repeated ultrasound examinations during pregnancy do not pose a risk to the baby's health, according to a study published on Saturday in the British medical weekly The Lancet.

Australian researchers carried out follow-up tests among 2,700 children who took part in a trial 10 years ago.

Half of the children had been exposed to repeated scans during their mother's pregnancy while the other half had had only one scan, shortly before birth.

The children were checked at the ages of one, two, three, five and eight, with assessments for their height and weight, speech, behavior and neurological development.

Frequent-scan babies may have slower growth in the uterus, but after birth they catch up, the researchers say.

There is no significant difference in physical size or cognitive skills between them and infants who received only one scan, they say.

The study is lead-authored by John Newnham, a professor at the School of Women's and Infants' Health at King Edward Memorial Hospital, Subiaco, in Western Australia. **AFP**

Barghuti joins Palestinian presidential derby

RAMALLAH, West Bank—The Palestinian leadership was in turmoil Thursday after jailed intifada leader Marwan Barghuti entered the presidential campaign, pitting himself against PLO chairman Mahmud Abbas.

In a stunning U-turn, the West Bank Fatah leader filed his candidacy late Wednesday for the Jan. 9 contest to succeed the late Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat with barely three hours to go before the midnight deadline

for the close of nominations.

After lodging the nomination papers with the Palestinian elections commission, Barghuti's wife Fadwa read a statement from her husband who is currently serving five life sentences in an Israeli prison for anti-Israeli attacks.

Barghuti said he had decided to run "after deep reflection" and after having "received hundreds of messages from the grass roots (of Fatah) and from other Palestinian figures and cadres."

"I have decided to enter this democratic battle to maintain the path of the intifada and the resistance and to defend it and protect it from being labelled as terrorism," he said.

The decision, made just five days after Barghuti announced that he would not run, astonished and angered the dominant Fatah faction which had already chosen the moderate former Premier Abbas as its official candidate.

Abbas had been expected to win the

contest at a canter but he commands a fraction of Barghuti's popular support.

"We regard Marwan's position as astonishing and reprehensible. It does not conform to the traditions of Fatah," Tayeb Abdelrahim, general secretary of the presidential office, said after a meeting of the decision-making Fatah central committee in Gaza.

Even some of Barghuti's traditional supporters condemned his decision.

Zakaria Zubeidi, the head of the armed Fatah offshoot Al Aqsa Martyrs

Brigades in its Jenin stronghold, said Barghuti should not be running against the official choice of Fatah.

"We are against the candidacy of Marwan because it is contrary to the decision of the central committee of Fatah which unanimously chose Abu Mazen (Abbas) as the candidate for the election," Zubeidi told AFP.

"Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades supports the candidacy of Abu Mazen because his candidacy is a reflection of the unity of Fatah."

AFP

US hit for evading Bhopal liability

WASHINGTON—Greenpeace accused the United States Wednesday of "environmental racism" for evading liability from the world's worst industrial accident in India that may have killed more than 20,000 people.

Ahead of the 20th anniversary on Friday of the Bhopal poison gas tragedy, the global environmental group called on US authorities to ensure swift justice and adequate compensation for victims.

The tragedy occurred on Dec. 3, 1984 after about 40 tons of killer methyl isocyanate gas leaked out of a pesticide plant operated by American firm Union Carbide, now owned by US giant Dow Chemical.

"Had this happened in the US, there is no doubt that Dow Chemical would now be paying for the cleanup that would be ordered by the EPA through litigation by local community groups," said Greenpeace legal director Rick Hind.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the US environment watchdog.

"What's happening here is nothing less than taking advantage of the differences in countries but also an example of environmental racism," Hind charged at a media teleconference on the Bhopal tragedy. AFP

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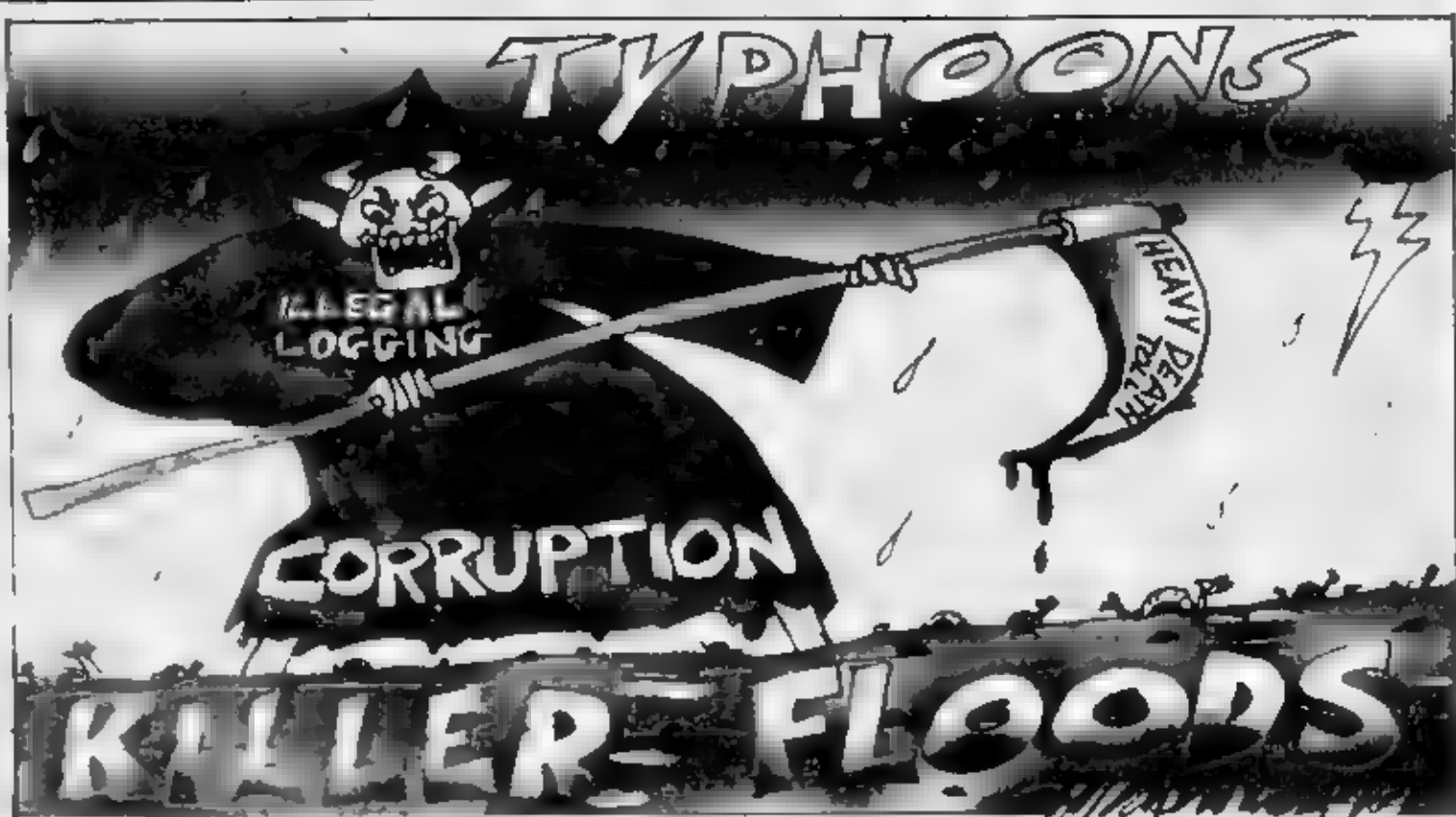
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AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz



(Continued from last Wednesday)

With all the sorrow around us, we need some good news. Here's one: The Philippine National Railways (PNR) announced that its South Line, the 480-kilometer railroad from Makati to Legazpi, Albay, will be rehabilitated beginning next year at a cost of \$1 billion. The money will come from a \$50-million loan from the South Korean Export-Import Bank and another \$900 million from the Chinese government.

Now for the bad news: Squatters living along the railroad tracks in Bulacan and Pampanga have formed a "caravan" to block the government from ejecting them to give way to the NorthRail, to whom the rail tracks belong in the first place. The NorthRail will revive railroad service from Caloocan to Malolos, then to Clark and Subic, and eventually to San Fernando, La Union. The squatters want the government to abandon the project so they won't be disturbed from the railroad tracks that they have appropriated for themselves.

Only in the Philippines will you find lawbreakers telling the government what to do. Only in the Philippines will you find the government paying a fortune to squatters who don't pay any taxes at all. And only in the Philippines will you find politicians who coddle lawbreakers.

What these squatters don't realize is that the NorthRail—as well as the South Line—is the best thing that can happen to them. For the railroad will provide them fast and cheap transportation to and from where they will be relocated to wherever they want to go.

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with his earlier ruling in the WTO ratification case. The anti-WTO lobby contested the treaty, saying it violated the Filipino First policy of the Constitution. He said that exactly how that policy would be implemented was for the political branches of the government to say, they who were elected to make policy and had expert agencies to guide them. "Let the people through their elected officers make their free choice."

The drafters of the Constitution wisely intended to preserve our patrimony for the nation's good. They might have recalled that the beloved Thomasites were not the first massive contingent of Americans to arrive in the Philippines. First, of course, came the soldiers. Then the mining engineers, and then the teachers. "There's gotta be gold in them thar hills."

The folly of the 1986 Constitutional Commission however is that, in order to protect the nation, they trusted too much in the Philippine state and in Filipino investors. It was a naive hope that can be excused only by recalling the glory days of Edsa I. Sadly, the past 18 years have been a record of one betrayal after another.

More specifically on the environmental costs of the mining industry, note that the real peril comes from small-scale miners, those engaged in backyard mining with absolutely no environmental safeguards. The irony is that the large-scale foreign mining corporations, pressured no doubt by eco-lobbyists in their home countries, have adopted world-standard environmental safeguards that would put to shame local—yes, our fellow Filipino—miners.

To that extent, the anti-mining lobby also misused investment laws to carry out environmental concerns (the favored legal metaphor compares it to "using a sledgehammer to drive

a nail") when fine-tuned regulations are better suited for re-greening the earth.

Indeed, the Court chided the La Bugal-B'laan petitioners. The first SC decision had been criticized for "mootness"—it rendered the decision after the Australian company which held the service contract had already been sold to Filipinos, who could not have violated the Filipino First clauses, and the SC should have thrown out the case. Answering the criticism, the petitioners made what the SC considered a "completely outlandish" argument, namely, that the case was still not mooted because anyway the Constitution, though it may allow some agreements with foreigners, never allowed such agreements with Filipinos. The Court recoiled at the wholly anti-Filipino argument of the Filipino First advocates who would trample the banner they seek to hoist.

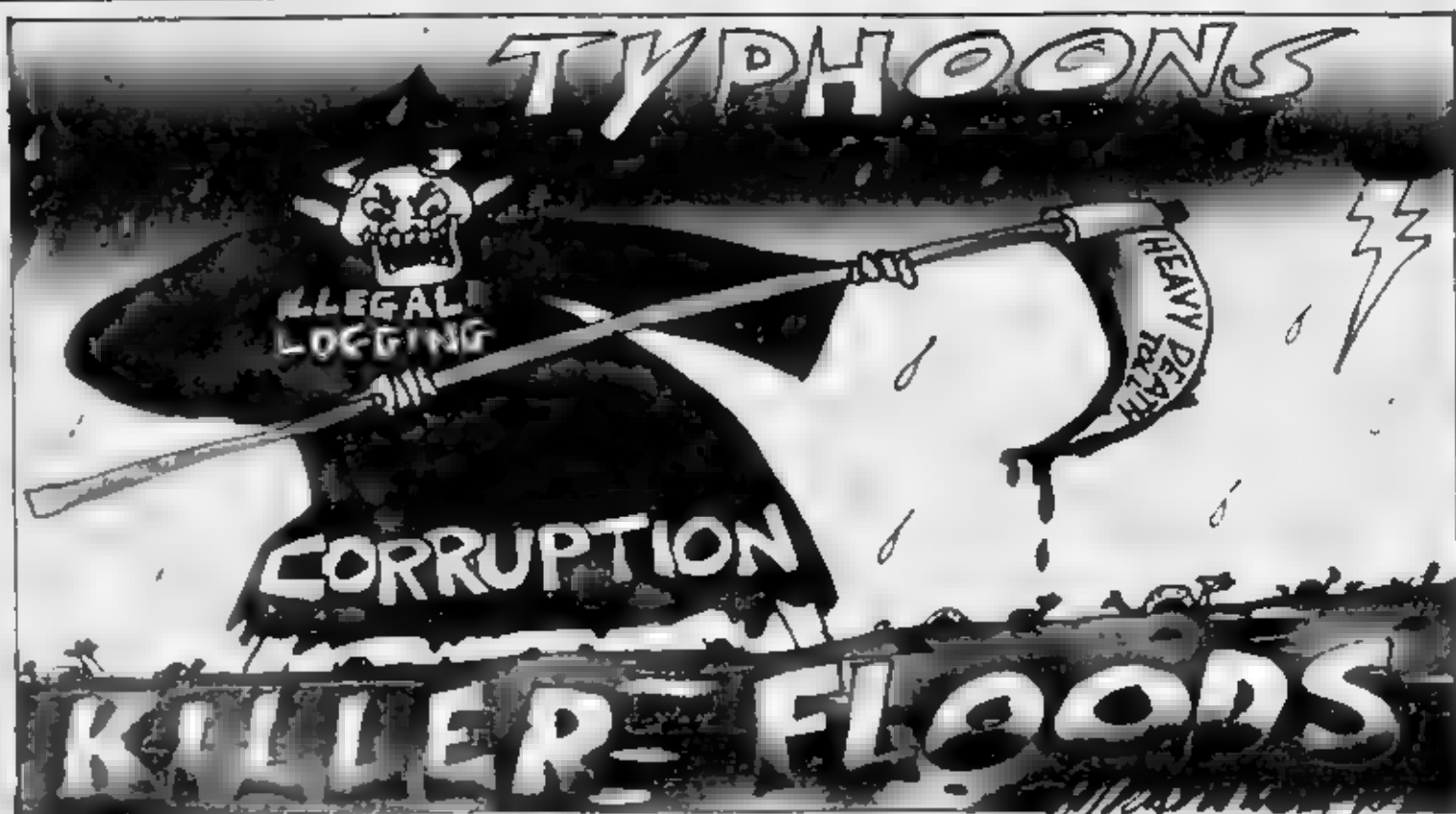
The petitioners also read "sustainable development" as postponed development, oblivious to the social cost borne meanwhile by our unemployed poor who need jobs in the here and now, whose children need tuition money and their daily baon today and not in some distant promised paradise. They ignore the nature of mineral agreements, which require long gestation periods and where the bargaining stance of each party changes over the lifetime of the contract. In this case, where the foreign investor and his superior technology are ascendant at the early stage of searching for the mineral deposits, but begin to "obsolesce" when the mine is found deep in the host country's home ground. Hence the need for carefully calibrated legal arrangements.

The Bugal-B'laan decision will be lauded or censured by many for the political economy of its outcome. But the Court has many times disavowed looking at the wisdom of government policy and has declared itself limited solely to the question of validity. Let Bugal-B'laan rise and fall by the craftsmanship of its legal reasoning and by the wise exercise of the Supreme Court's power of judicious review.

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With all the sorrow around us, we need some good news. Here's one: The Philippine National Railways (PNR) announced that its South Line, the 480-kilometer railroad from Makati to Legazpi, Albay, will be rehabilitated beginning next year at a cost of \$1 billion. The money will come from a \$50-million loan from the South Korean Export-Import Bank and another \$900 million from the Chinese government.

Now for the bad news: Squatters living along the railroad tracks in Bulacan and Pampanga have formed a "caravan" to block the government from ejecting them to give way to the NorthRail, to whom the rail tracks belong in the first place. The NorthRail will revive railroad service from Calocan to Malolos, then to Clark and Subic, and eventually to San Fernando, La Union. The squatters want the government to abandon the project so they won't be disturbed from the railroad tracks that they have appropriated for themselves.

Only in the Philippines will you find lawbreakers telling the government what to do. Only in the Philippines will you find the government paying a fortune to squatters who don't pay any taxes at all. And only in the Philippines will you find politicians who coddle lawbreakers.

What these squatters don't realize is that the NorthRail—as well as the South Line—is the best thing that can happen to them. For the railroad will provide them fast and cheap transportation to and from where they will be relocated to wherever they want to go.

The virtue of judicious review

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan



with his earlier ruling in the WTO ratification case. The anti-WTO lobby contested the treaty, saying it violated the Filipino First policy of the Constitution. He said that exactly how that policy would be implemented was for the political branches of the government to say, they who were elected to make policy and had expert agencies to guide them. "Let the people through their... elected officers make their free choice."

The drafters of the Constitution wisely intended to preserve our patrimony for the nation's good. They might have recalled that the beloved Thomasites were not the first massive contingent of Americans to arrive in the Philippines. First, of course, came the soldiers. Then the mining engineers, and then the teachers. "There's gotta be gold in them thar hills."

The folly of the 1986 Constitutional Commission however is that, in order to protect the nation, they trusted too much in the Philippine state and in Filipino investors. It was a naive hope that can be excused only by recalling the glory days of Edsa I. Sadly, the past 18 years have been a record of one betrayal after another.

More specifically on the environmental costs of the mining industry, note that the real peril comes from small-scale miners, those engaged in backyard mining with absolutely no environmental safeguards. The irony is that the large-scale foreign mining corporations, pressured no doubt by eco-lobbyists in their home countries, have adopted world-standard environmental safeguards that would put to shame local—yes, our fellow Filipino—miners.

To that extent, the anti-mining lobby also misused investment laws to carry out environmental concerns (the favored legal metaphor compares it to "using a sledgehammer to drive

a nail") when fine-tuned regulations are better suited for re-greening the earth.

Indeed, the Court chided the La Bugal-B'laan petitioners. The first SC decision had been criticized for "mootness": It rendered the decision after the Australian company which held the service contract had already been sold to Filipinos, who could not have violated the Filipino First clauses, and the SC should have thrown out the case. Answering the criticism, the petitioners made what the SC considered a "completely outlandish" argument, namely, that the case was still not mooted because anyway the Constitution, though it may allow some agreements with foreigners, never allowed such agreements with Filipinos. The Court recoiled at the wholly anti-Filipino argument of the Filipino First advocates who would trample the banner they seek to hoist.

The petitioners also read "sustainable development" as postponed development, oblivious to the social cost borne meanwhile by our unemployed poor who need jobs in the here and now, whose children need tuition money and their daily baon today and not in some distant promised paradise. They ignore the nature of mineral agreements, which require long gestation periods and where the bargaining stance of each party changes over the lifetime of the contract, in this case, where the foreign investor and his superior technology are ascendant at the early stage of searching for the mineral deposits, but begin to "obsolesce" when the mine is found deep in the host country's home ground. Hence the need for carefully calibrated legal arrangements.

The Bugal-B'laan decision will be lauded or censured by many for the political economy of its outcome. But the Court has many times disavowed looking at the wisdom of government policy and has declared itself limited solely to the question of validity. Let Bugal-B'laan rise and fall by the craftsmanship of its legal reasoning and by the wise exercise of the Supreme Court's power of judicious review.

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Extraordinary turnaround

IN AN EXTRAORDINARY turnaround, the Supreme Court on Wednesday flung wide open the mineral wealth of the country for "exploration, development and utilization" by foreign mining companies in a decision overturning its ruling last Jan. 27, which held as unconstitutional the Philippine Mining Act of 1995. The Jan. 27 decision disallowed wholly owned foreign companies from exploiting the mineral sector.

Last Wednesday's decision marked an unprecedented liberal interpretation of the nationalist provisions of the Constitution that have historically tended to restrict the exploitation of the national patrimony to companies owned or controlled by Filipinos. The 246-page decision, penned by Associate Justice Artemio Panganiban, took great pains to explain and argue the departure from the restrictive school of thought that has dominated Philippine jurisprudence on national patrimony exploitation since the adoption of the first Commonwealth Constitution in 1935.

The decision could break new ground and serve as precedent for further liberalization of the economic nationalist provisions of the Constitution. It aligned the Constitution to the requirements of contemporary economic development driven by foreign investment and freer flow of capital and business intercourse between developed and developing economies, such as the Philippines.

Emphasizing the decisiveness of the ruling, the Court voted 10-4, with one abstention, leaving little doubt about the conviction that went behind the decision. Specifically, the Court held as legal the Financial-Technical Assistance Agreement which the government had signed in 1995 with Western Mining Corp. Phils., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Australian firm Western Mining Corp. Holdings Ltd.

To show the switch from its January decision which declared the 1995 Mining Act, upon which the FTAA was based, as unconstitutional, the Court in January voted 7-5. The 10 who voted to overturn the January decision were Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Justices Panganiban, Reynato Puno, Leonardo Quisumbing, Angelina Sandoval

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Gutierrez, Alicia Austria-Martinez, Renato Corona, Dante Tinga, Minita Chico-Nazario and Cecilio Garcia. The four who dissented were Justices Consuelo Ynares-Santiago, Antonio Carpio, Conchita Carpio-Morales and Romeo Callejo.

In January, the seven justices who voted to declare the Mining Act unconstitutional were Davide, Puno, Quisumbing, Carpio-Morales, Corona, Callejo and Tinga. The decision held that the 1995 FTAA did not contravene the 1987 Constitution because the Constitution expressly allowed service contracts in "large-scale exploration, development and utilization of minerals, petroleum and mineral oils."

The broad philosophical argument that underpinned the latest decision was expressed in the following words:

"The Constitution should be read in broad life-giving strokes. It should not be used to strangle economic growth or to serve narrow, parochial interests."

"Rather, it should be construed to grant the President and Congress sufficient discretion and reasonable leeway to enable them to attract foreign investment, as well as to secure for our people and our posterity the blessings of prosperity and peace."

The decision reflected the Court's awareness of criticisms from the business community that, in a series of decisions, it had interfered in executive decisions concerning economy-related contracts and had thus exercised the economic policymaking prerogatives of the executive and legislated economic policies. The decision clearly addressed this contentious issue.

"The judiciary should not inordinately interfere

in the exercise of this presidential power of control over the EDU (exploration, development and utilization) of our natural resources," the Court said. In a clear effort to strike a balance between the protection of the national patrimony and the economic requirements of a modern economy, the Court said its new decision would answer the "need to develop our mining industry and extract what NEDA Secretary Romulo Neri estimates is some \$840 billion worth of mineral wealth lying hidden in the ground, in order to jump-start our floundering economy on the one hand, and on the other, the need to enhance our nationalistic aspirations, protect our indigenous communities, and prevent irreversible ecological damage."

The Court added: "Verily, the mineral wealth and natural resources of this country are meant to benefit not merely a select group of people living in areas locally affected by mining activities, but the entire Filipino nation."

The decision indicated that the Court gave weight to the huge economic cost of losing foreign mining investment.

The administration, the business community and mining groups joined in chorus to hail the decision. Their reaction indicated the economic importance these groups attached to the decision.

The nationalist sector has yet to express its reaction. The administration said the decision put the country in position "for a strong economic takeoff based on a reinvigorated mining industry."

The Chamber of Mines of the Philippines said the decision would ensure the flow of foreign direct investments into the country, and the Philippine Mineral Exploration Association said the decision would send a positive note to foreign investors. The European Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines called the decision "very good news." It added: "We have been hoping for this and this would mean investments in the sector could (come alive) again."

Once one of the strongest exporting sectors of the economy, mining has declined so much that it exported only \$500 million worth of products in 2000, from a peak of \$1.2 billion in 1980.

Remembering Bibot

MARRAKESH—When you're abroad, the mere mention of your country on CNN or BBC is apt to send alarm bells ringing.

I was digging through my suitcase when I heard something about the Philippines on the TV "Runa, your country is on CNN!" exclaimed my roommate, Martha Swai, a radio producer from Tanzania.

Immediately, I rushed in front of the set, impatient for the commercial break to be over so I could listen to the news in full. It turned out to be news about the devastating floods and landslides that have killed almost 500 people in Quezon and Aurora. The footage aired on CNN showed floodwaters and mud, the color of coffee, inundating houses and what looked like fallen trees.

"Denudation has always been a problem in Luzon," I explained to Martha, while I felt sick to my stomach, realizing that such a death toll, meriting a mention on CNN, has become "routine" in our country. And not just because we're going through a late typhoon season, but also because our own neglect as a people, particularly the destruction of our natural resources, magnifies the impact of what should be but a seasonal occurrence.

The Philippines seemed to be very much on CNN's mind, since the news of the deaths from the floods was followed very soon after by a weather report predicting another typhoon to hit the country in the next few days, if not hours. Even the weatherman was moved to express his concern for the country still reeling from earlier floods and typhoons.

My sympathies to the families of all those who died everywhere devastation has hit, including Mindoro which was in the headlines the day I left. There is something about being away from your country and your loved ones that focuses your attention on them. For which I can only offer my thanks for this timely "heads up."

ANOTHER bit of shocking news that came my way, by way of an early morning text message, was that of the passing of Zeneida "Bibot" Amador.

I'm sure that by now the media would be full of encomiums about Bibot's role in the devel-

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



opment of Philippine theater, particularly the way she trained and honed to the heights of professionalism current luminaries in theater and the arts, including Lea Salonga and Monique Wilson. But I prefer to remember Bibot in her many incarnations on stage, TV and even the movies.

For most Filipinos, our introduction to Bibot was on a TV show, "Santa Zita and Mary Rose." Here, she played a mean, naughty but big-hearted housemaid, and she was one reason my sisters and I religiously followed this show that tracked the many joys and sorrows of a middle-class family and the parallel lives of their house help.

Such was Bibot's impact, though, that I can't for the life of me remember any other cast member, even if, as I write this, their faces float before me. So uncannily did this household drama reflect our own concerns in those more innocent times that we felt it was a story of our lives. Though looking back, I now recognize that it took a somewhat naïve view of the social divisions that still bedevil Philippine society.

FROM "SANTA ZITA," Bibot would move on to found Repertory Philippines, which is notable not just for producing the majority of Filipino artists tapped by Cameron Mackintosh for "Miss Saigon," though come to think of it, name any theater notable in these parts and chances are he or she had at one time or another gone through the wringer of Bibot's direction.

Repertory's bigger accomplishment, I believe, is creating and sustaining an audience for theater in this country. Some decades ago, there was this controversy over the "proper" content of theater.

Some, who called themselves nationalists, felt a theater company like Repertory which preferred to stage imported material, mainly from Broadway, was squandering its talents and resources on meaningless "fluff." Never one to shy away from a fight, Bibot retorted that Repertory would put on a Filipino production the minute she found "quality" material.

Looking back, one realizes the silliness of the dispute. Because what this country needed, and still needs, is a theater-going tradition, a habit of thought and inclination for theater, so that, while searching for entertainment and enlightenment, one would think of watching a play or a musical.

IT turns out that there are not just two kinds of theater in this country, but many streams and audience niches. And it is only because of the dogged dedication of champions like Bibot that theater has survived here, though theater companies, even the well-established ones, still struggle to keep their heads above water.

One memory of Bibot stands out. We were both taking part in "V-Day," the annual fundraising and consciousness-raising event spawned by the "Vagina Monologues." When I arrived, I found Bibot sitting cross-legged near the door, smoking. When I inquired whether New Voice Company, which stages TVM here, would be providing us with makeup artists, Bibot laughed heartily. "We're doing this for free! If they could afford makeup artists, they could pay us!" Then she added, with trademark insouciance, "I don't care about makeup. I've always known I'm ugly, and there's nothing that makeup can do to change that."

She would later appear onstage in the same shorts-and-T-shirt outfit she was wearing when I met her. But Bibot's performance of "Beneath the Burka," a newly written addition to TVM, blew away playwright Eve Ensler, who would later say that she found new insights into her own words just by listening to Bibot read them.

That was vintage Bibot, one of the best (if unheralded) actors we have produced, who mothered Philippine theater as best she could.

Bipolar nation

LAST year I was asked, on a radio talk show, if I thought we were suffering from national depression. I replied, "No, quite. I think we're more bipolar or manic-depressive, swinging from one extreme mood to another."

Mind you, I have nothing against bipolar people. One of my best friends is bipolar, and in a very extreme way. When she's down, you can almost see a dark cloud hanging over her head as she walks—no, I should say plods—around. Then she'll shift to an "up" mood, and I mean up: she'll call and ask me to go shop with her so I can rein her in, lest she end up buying two Yves Saint Laurent (YSL) bags at \$1,000 each (yup, the genuine ones)—same design, one for back-up—like she did several years ago in a manic mood.

You're born bipolar and you learn to live with it, with the help of a good psychiatrist and a social support network. But when a whole nation goes bipolar, that's another matter.

From Winnie to Yoyong

The idea that we might be a bipolar nation came back to me this week because of the way we've responded to the series of typhoons.

When Winnie was approaching the Philippines last week end, BBC's weather reports already warned about the storm and another tropical disturbance they'd spotted on their meteorological maps. That other disturbance has developed into Yoyong. Okay, so maybe the British are obsessed with weather, but their warnings were in such sharp contrast to an almost complete silence in the local media, despite the fact that just the other week, we'd been battered by two other typhoons, Unding and Violey.

Maybe because we get more than 20 typhoons a year, we tend to become rather cavalier about each approaching storm, our attention caught briefly by the letter of the alphabet in its name, rather than impending danger.

Even when Winnie finally struck, most of us in Metro Manila were not too concerned, partly because its wind speed was low. So the rains kept coming and some of Manila's streets were flooded. But then flooding is so much part of our lives as well, so we shrugged it off as another inconvenience of life in Manila. Were we shocked to find out, after Winnie left, the number of lives it had claimed?

From our down mood before Winnie struck, we've shifted into a manic frenzy with Yoyong. Day in, day out, we've been surrounded by the shrill voices of radio and television commentators warning about Yoyong. Glasses were suspended even before the storm landed, while television and radio crews went around the markets, warning about high prices. I caught one TV host announcing that bangus had gone up to P120 a kilo, only to turn to a vendor who insisted she was selling her bangus at P100. I'm sure that after the TV crew left, prices all soared to fulfill the doomsday prophecies.

Then there were the vultures feasting on Winnie's victims, politicians condoling with relatives of the dead and proclaiming their indignation over illegal logging while reporters went around interviewing mourning women and children and asking them how they felt. (One particularly callous reporter asked a young boy in a hospital why he was sad, right after the child had recounted losing two brothers to the floods.)

Early warning

Alas, after Yoyong leaves, I suspect we'll slide back into lethargy until next year's new typhoon season. The righteous politicians and reporters will take up other issues and we will forget about the need to set up effective monitoring and warning systems.

A few years back, I was in Hong Kong (which is as vulnerable to typhoons as we are) when a strong typhoon lashed in. Even before the typhoon struck, television and radio kept flashing warnings and updates, including what precautions were needed to be taken. There was a sense of urgency, but not of panic and frenzy like we're seeing now for Yoyong. When the typhoon finally struck, the updates continued, again without the hysterical and shrill voices. The public was advised on which streets to avoid because they'd become flooded, but people remained calm despite the ferocity of the typhoon.

We need to have such a system in place to deal directly with the threat of typhoons. But we also need to link typhoon preparedness to environmental monitoring systems, so that places already environmentally damaged can be given top priority not just for warning announcements but for actual evacuation. Here we'd need trained social workers to mobilize people, with the last three typhoons, residents were known to resist evacuation even after the rains began.

Another kind of typhoon

I worry about another kind of typhoon about which we're too complacent, with the possibility that we'll swing to the other manic extreme in a few years.

I refer here to the population problem. Last Wednesday, a team of economists from UP issued a paper warning that poverty will continue to plague us if the government doesn't face up to the population problem. The economists pointed out that we would need to double our current economic growth rates if it is to keep pace with population growth. But such doubling is unlikely to happen, so poverty levels will continue to be serious. The economists named all kinds of problems related to this poverty-population link, from a lack of jobs to the problems of responding to disasters like typhoons.

This was the same group of economists who had warned a few weeks ago, about an impending fiscal crisis. The response to that first paper was, well, manic, with no less than the President calling for increased tax collections and government austerity. Other politicians hopped into the bandwagon with all kinds of proposals such as the Bayanihan Fund.

The manic mood around the threat of a fiscal crisis was short-lived. The President announced, like some miracle worker, that the threat was over. Our wise members of Congress agreed with the President's diagnosis, blocking increased taxes on tobacco and alcohol and stubbornly clinging on to their pork barrel. And the nation slipped back into national depression... or is it national coma?

With the UP economists' new white paper, the public response has been anemic. My own beloved Inquirer buried its article on Page 4, with hardly any mention of the paper itself and focusing instead on the responses of a Catholic bishop and a University of Asia and the Pacific economist, both of course denying that there was a population problem. Other dailies missed out completely on the paper. Only Business World gave it front-page coverage.

I predict we will continue to wallow in our present "down" mood. Given that the population typhoon is already with us, we seem to be content with retreating into our individual cocoons to weather the raging storm, occasionally peeking out and whining about the congestion but hoping it will go away eventually. Unfortunately, we will reap the consequences of this denial, reaching a point several years from now, when we might shift to the other extreme: to a manic backlash that will include draconian population control measures. Sadly, even those measures may turn out to be too little, too late.

Center of Christmas celebration

WHILE Christmas carols have been playing in some shops since September (the beginning of the so-called "ber" months, leading to December), I have not really felt the Christmas cheer. By this time Christmas trees, lights and lanterns are already up, but nothing struck me as hard as missing the "Gloria" at last Sunday's Mass. The once colorful celebrant's vestments have turned dark, reminding us of Advent. Not a very cheerful liturgical season really, but one cannot emphasize the joy of Christmas without providing contrast.

Driving north and south of Manila recently, I gazed at rice fields and noticed the white herons walking or flying about. This is one of the signs of Christmas, migratory birds escaping from the cold winds of China, resting in the Philippines before moving off to their next destination.

Looking at the beautiful birds, the Pinoy in me wondered if they were edible, and if they were, did they taste best roasted, fried, stuffed or drowned in some dark and thick sauce? I guessed they were not very good or that at least they were swift enough to elude hunters because most of our seasonal visitors survive the long trip and return to their point of origin.

Short of causing panic, I also asked aloud if they were immune to bird flu. I answered my own question and suggested that the warm and polluted Philippine air eliminated the virus.

Two Sundays ago, after lunch in my favorite aunt's house in San Fernando, Pampanga, there was a scramble for something on the table. Wrapped in newspaper and banana leaves was the fragrant *duman*, a young, green, semi-sticky rice sold only in November and December. Since a small bag costs P1,800, it was not served on a platter but was lovingly and sparingly coaxed from the bag and everyone grabbed handfuls without waiting for the chocolate in the kitchen that had not yet come to a boil.

With the first bag quickly gone and enjoyed,

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo



my aunt waited for the hot chocolate to come in before opening the second bag of *duman*. Again the mad rush, but this time the *duman* was mixed with the chocolate and scooped up like there was no tomorrow.

While this was going on, people expressed their preferences. Some liked *duman* as is while others liked theirs fried and popped to make what is better known as *pinipig*.

Different people have different ways of reckoning the seasons, using varying signals which are usually visual. But for me, food is a major marker. With *duman*, the countdown to Christmas and everything nice begins.

Aside from being with the truly extended family, it is the meal that is at the center of the celebration. It is odd that while the menu has not changed in decades, everyone looks forward to it. After midnight Mass (which these days is often celebrated earlier), the cool air gives one a hearty appetite and an appreciation for steaming hot chicken and pork *nilaga* with added zest from roasted ham bones boiled to make the stock.

Standard fiesta fare will be found on tables: *rellenong bangus*, *rellenong manok* or *galantina*, generous slices of *queso de bola* (aged edam cheese, usually "Marca Pato" or "Marca Pina" with the trademark duck or pineapple on the red cellophane cover), tamales, glazed ham, fruit salad, *birinchi* (the Spanish *paella* indigenized in Pampanga, made with sticky rice and given a distinctive green color), and, if available, *apahap* which

was once considered the only fish proper for a fiesta table because it was the most expensive. Then, of course, what fiesta table can be complete without *lechón* or sucking pig as the center piece? (But in recent years, I have noticed that the apple in the snout is not as common as it used to be.) My aunt has the best freshly popped *chicharon* with *laman* in town. She encourages us to enjoy the *chicharon*, assuring us it is healthy having been deep-fried in canola oil.

Dessert that sits on a separate table could be said to be just as important (or perhaps more important) than the *ulam* on the main table. In Pampanga, we have a sweet tooth resulting in a wide range of choices: hot chocolate with *duman*, *tibuk tibuk* (loosely translated as "shaking" because it does jiggle like Jello but has more calories since it is made with a lot of nipa sugar and carabao milk topped with *larik* or sweet curdled coconut milk), *leche flan*, *jale ube*, and *tucino del cielo* (called by children *mun-leche flan*, which it is except that each bite-size piece contains one whole egg yolk), *pastillas*, *naron de casuy*, *sans rival* (from the French "without rival" because it is a deadly combination of wafer and butter topped with chopped cashew nuts), *suwaras*, and the commercially bought cakes, pies, and breads. All these goodies make the dessert table and Christmas memorable for children.

In the first volume of "Remembrance of Things Past," Marcel Proust begins a narrative triggered by the taste of Madeleine on the tip of his tongue. It's a loquacious novel about a man eating cake. Our writers have gone to libraries and the world in search of material for the great Philippine novel after those written by Jose Rizal over a century ago. But why go through so much trouble inventing a collective history or a worthwhile literature to find ourselves? There is so much waiting to be unearthed and written down—a lot, literally, on the tip of our tongues.

Comments are welcome at ocampo@ateneo.edu

Special treatment for abusive media?

MY heart goes out to the four cops who were placed on floating status after an encounter with a television crew late last month.

Reports say the cops apprehended an ABS-CBN cameraman for drunken driving along Katipunan Avenue at around 2:30 a.m. During the interrogation, he admitted to his violation.

Then came the rescue. Reporter Doland Castro went to the station and insisted on taking a video footage of his colleague

who was inside the detention cell. The cops refused and so a heated exchange ensued.

Minutes later, the reporter was crying harassment. The policemen claimed Castro was trying to settle the case. In street parlance, "in-aareglo."

End of story? Not for the reporter. He had to seek audience with no less than the chief of the Philippine National Police, Gen. Edgardo Aglipay. And with cameras around the PNP chief, he an-

nounced the immediate retraining of Insp. Eduardo Collantes, PO3s Arsenio David Jr., Antonio Turla and PO2 Marlon Samudio. What a way to appease the TV crew.

The moral of the story: Do not mess up with powerful media entities lest you find yourself at the receiving end of your superior's fury and the unforgiving, negative publicity.

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On road repairs this Christmas season

HERE'S an urgent appeal to the Department of Public Works and Highways-NCR people and the 17 mayors of Metro Manila:

If you have road repair projects between now and Dec. 31, 2004,

please have them deferred up to January 2005 so that you will not contribute to the usual traffic gridlock (especially in the roads leading to the shopping malls) that we "abnormally" experience during

the Christmas season.

And may I add: Please stop the practice of "repairing" those roads that do not need any repair at all.

—PAUL R. MORTEL,
Malanday, Marikina City

Why our facilities are overcrowded

ALTHOUGH I agree with some of Poch Suzara's claims (PDI, Letters, 11/16/04) that we are too poor, I disagree that the cause is overpopulation.

Most of our barrios in the rural areas have too few people. Overpopulation is only in the cities. The rural areas are under-populated and the cities overpopulated because the rural people have very little livelihood opportunities there.

There is overcrowding in hospitals and schools (especially in public hospitals and schools) because the government builds very few of them. Maybe Suzara can see the reasons for this: most of government money is used to pay our foreign debt and line up the pockets of politicians, military officers and other bureaucrats.

Our buses and jeeps are overcrowded. Why is this so? Because public buses and jeeps can only ply their routes a few times. The reason? Well, even the ignorant knows. It is because of the traffic

problems? It is not overpopulation. It is because our city roads are hijacked by cars (of the rich), which occupy most of the road spaces with only one or two passengers. Only two of 10- to 12-lane roads are reserved for public transport which carries about 95 percent of the population, while eight to 10 lanes are occupied by the 5 percent rich people in private cars.

If we reverse the ratio and give eight to 10 lanes to public transport, then the buses and jeeps can make many *byahes* (trips), so overcrowding in these vehicles will surely ease. This is a very simple solution but the government is weak to implement this because it does not want to incur the wrath of the rich.

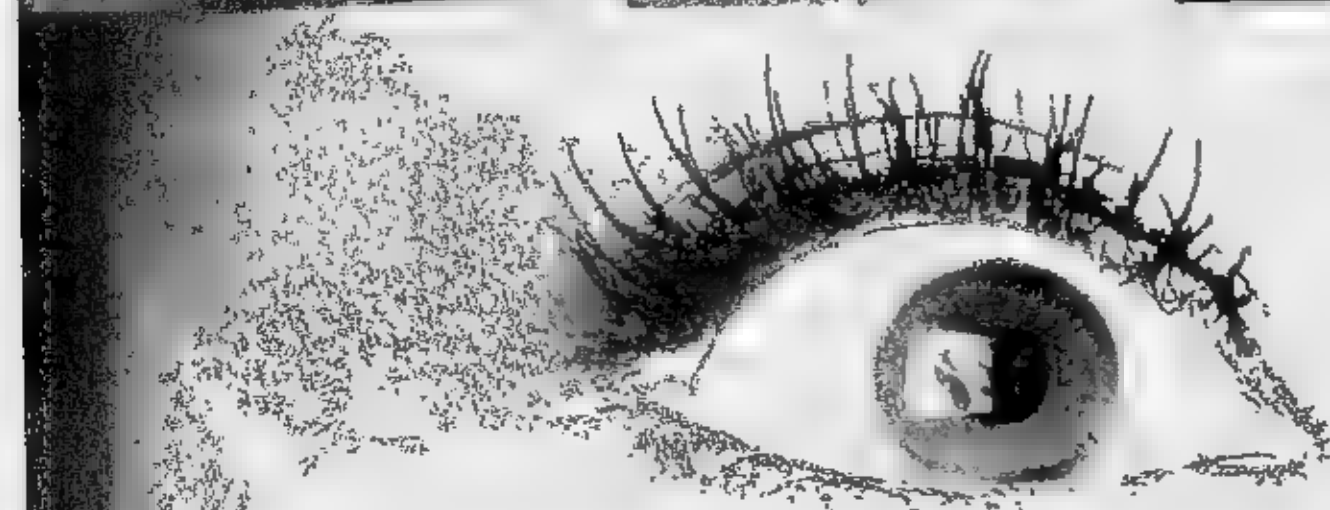
And our slums are overcrowded, too. But the cause is not overpopulation. It is just that this unjust Philippine society has allocated nothing for the poor except a few socialized housing projects for government propaganda purposes. Foreigners and their local cohorts in business and in government have worked to-

gether to amass almost all the lands for themselves. So the poor, lacking the bravery to fight their oppression, just retreat to the riverbanks, along the riles, under the bridges.

The oppressors, aided by ignoramuses who don't know the facts, then pontificate that the poor are so because they are too many.

I would like to give Suzara the benefit of the doubt. Let us say that poverty is really due to overpopulation. What is the solution? Contraceptives? Marcos did that in the martial law years. He was successful in reducing the average number of children per Filipino couple—from 6.8 to 3.2. That's more than 100 percent reduction. If the overpopulation logic is true, then it should have followed that poverty in the Philippines would have been reduced by more than 100 percent. But the reverse happened, poverty worsened.

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Is this Ombudsman's act all for show?

WHILE Ombudsman Simeon V. Marcelo is going all out after corrupt officials to recover a few million pesos, he has left unattended my complaint involving billions of pesos of taxes left unpaid by two corporations. I just hope my suspicion—that the investigators of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and their counterparts in the Office of the Ombudsman are in cahoots—is not true.

This case started in September 1996, when I denounced the non-payment of the correct amount of taxes for the sale of several hectares of land located at Libis, Quezon City.

I have sent several follow-up letters to both the BIR and the Ombudsman. I heard nothing from either of the two offices. My letters have literally fell on deaf ears until Sept. 8, 2003, when I received a letter from the BIR informing me about its own computation of the corporations' unpaid taxes. But after that, the case seems to have been forgotten again.

The government is cash-strapped, but what are the BIR and Ombudsman doing? I hope that Marcelo is not "pakikang tawag" in his campaign to get rid of graft and corruption in the government.

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'Sin' taxes revised for vested interests

WHETHER the P1-billion lobby fund allegedly used to bribe some congressmen into passing House Bil. 3174 was true or not is beside the point.

The point is: the downgraded bill smacks of clear indiscretion. It continues to ignore the social control considerations behind "sin" taxes; it subordinates the state's dire need for new revenues in favor of vested interests; and it tends to pass on the ultimate burden to the public.

In many modern tax systems worldwide, cigarettes and liquors are generally subject to the heaviest of taxes. This is to discourage the use of these "social-bane" commodities while still fairly maintaining the viability of their manufacturers. But here in the Philippines, the tax on petroleum products—considered the life-blood of the economy because their prices dictate all other prices in the marketplace—has always been relatively heavier, and will continue to be so notwithstanding the House version of the new "sin tax" measure.

At best, our lawmakers have been content with passing an anti-smoking law, whose implementing rules and regulations, nonetheless, remain yet to be seen. The effective reduction by half of the tax on tobacco and alcohol is likely to force the Arroyo administration to come up with other measures in order to collect the "lost half" of the expected revenues. Indeed, an extra P2-tax on oil is now emerging. This will induce another round of oil price hikes apart from those dictated by the world market. One other imminent tax burden to the public is the plan to increase the value-added tax by 3 percent simply because of a stupid reason—the existing 10-percent VAT is not being efficiently collected. When shall we find wisdom in our tax system?

It is kind of reassuring that the senators appear relatively more discreet in vowing to pass a superior tax law on cigarettes and liquors. One hopes in earnest that that vow would not end up in vain; otherwise, it would be better for this country to shift to a unicameral form of government. For, what good would there be in having a legislature with two chambers if the imprudence of one could not be checked by the other?

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Erratum

In the Nov. 28 issue, the "Separate Opinion" column of Isagani Cruz on Page A14—"The travels of Mrs. Reyes"—misstated that Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes served as defense secretary during the term of ousted President Joseph Estrada. Reyes was the Armed Forces chief of staff during the Estrada administration and became the defense secretary during the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

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Kalinga journalist tortured, murdered

BAGUIO CITY—The body of a journalist working for a bi-monthly community paper in Tabuk, Kalinga, was found on Wednesday in a garbage bin of a school there, bearing torture marks in the head and body.

The face of Stephen Omais, 23, staff writer of the Guru Press, was almost skinned off. He was believed killed last Friday, the same day he was abducted by unidentified men.

His body, which was identified by his family only last Wednesday, bore torture marks, was de-

posed and unidentifiable, and was starting to bloat when found.

The National Union of Journalists in the Philippines (NUJP) Baguio-Benguet chapter condemned Omais' murder, which it said was an attack against press freedom and the people's right to information.

"We join our colleagues in urging the Philippine National Police and concerned agencies in the area to conduct an impartial investigation for the immediate disposal of justice for the death of Omais," Arthur Alladew, NUJP Baguio-Benguet secretary general, said.

Omais was the 12th journalist killed this year and the 61st since 1972, according to the NUJP.

Dr. Estefana Kollin, Guru Press editor, said Omais joined the pa-

per five months ago.

Kollin said she last saw Omais two weeks ago when he was hot on the trail of a P9-million public works project in Pinukpuk, Kalinga.

"We even tried not to use the word 'ghost' to describe the project but it was the people who instigated it. We have other stories for which we also got death threats. We are very afraid right now," a Guru Press staff member told the INQUIRER.

Another staff member said the

paper had been receiving death threats for the public works project story. He said Omais was probably targeted because he was the most "vulnerable." He did not elaborate.

A member of the Bago tribe in Kalinga, Omais family moved to Mt. Province before establishing residence in Tabuk.

Kalinga is beset by inter-tribal wars resulting in vendetta killings. The Bago tribe, although strong in Benguet and Ilocos, is

relatively small.

In a statement, the NUJP said the young reporter was murdered in connection with his reportage on local drug syndicates. Omais also wrote stories about tribal wars in Kalinga.

The NUJP had been told by local residents that Omais had been receiving death threats prior to the murder. Frank Camatu and Desiree Calaza, PDI North-east Luzon Bureau and Christian Esquerro in Manila

Igorots look back at world fair as culture reshaping

BAGUIO CITY—A hundred years ago on Dec. 1, stagehands closed the gates to one of the richest spectacles in 20th century history, allowing its Filipino performers to sail home burdened with a world view that might have unwittingly reshaped the culture of indigenous Filipino communities.

Scholars are now looking at indigenous peoples' artifacts and icons, whose cultural purity may have been tainted by the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, better known as the St. Louis World's Fair, or by the science and politics of the period.

The fair recruited 1,100 indigenous Filipinos to showcase their society to thousands of Americans, who were curious about their new colonial acquisitions.

America acquired the Philippines from Spain after the Spanish-American war in 1898, along with Cuba, Puerto Rico and other Spanish-controlled Pacific islands.

Among the fair's recruits were 225 Igorots, who had been labeled as contemporary history's first overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) because many stayed behind after touring the American midwest as hired performers.

Antonio Buangan, a San Francisco, California archivist and heir to one of the fair's Su-yoc Igorot performers, told a forum at the University of the Philippines Baguio about De-

meyna, a Suyoc lady, who sailed home to her village in "Cuban-heeled shoes" and a Texan hat.

But Patricia Afable, a scholar of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C., suggested an exploration of stereotypical Igorot icons like the colors of hand-woven G-strings.

She said theories about cultural changes after the 1904 World's Fair could be more than skin-deep.

Tourists recognize these costume items today as traditionally Igorot, but experts recognize their Western antecedents that date back to the period of the fair.

"Synthetic dyes that replaced organic dyes brought new color schemes to the Cordillera... and came into popular use only in the late 1900s. One of their first uses, for example, were in the production in the girls' school of a constabulary uniform," said Afable, who is Ibaloi.

"In Benguet, the women who taught weaving in Easter School, which was founded in 1906 in Kabayan town, were Ilocanos... Clothing became costumes in the discourse of what emblematic objects are in our cultural identity," she added.

The indigenous Filipinos were recruited by Americans Charles Peritt and Truman Hunt, with the help of Igorots like Amtero, who helped American Rev. Clayton Clapp draw up the first Bontoc-English dictionary.

Slain fotog's widow appeals for help from Gloria

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CEBU CITY—The widow of the slain photographer in Cebu City asked President Macapagal-Arroyo to help her family get justice for the killing of her husband Allan Dizon.

Amelina Dizon, 31, asked the President's daughter Luli Arroyo to bring her appeal to the President so that the perpetrators could be arrested and prosecuted.

Luli visited the wake of Dizon at the San Fernando Funeral Homes here and extended financial assistance to Dizon's family.

"I appeal for the intervention of the President by ordering Philippine National Police chief Edgardo Aglipay to fast track the investigation so that my husband would be the last victim," Amelina said.

Luli told reporters here that she was instructed by her mother to extend their condolences to the bereaved family of Dizon.

Luli said the President also wanted her to assess the needs of Dizon's family and see what they could do to help.

The President's daughter gave a P10,000 check to Amelina, but she

clarified that the money was her personal help to the family of Dizon.

Luli also urged the police to speed up the investigation of the case, saying she personally knew

Dizon because the latter always covered her visits here in Cebu.

The President's daughter, who was accompanied by Cebu City Councilor Sylvan Jakosalem, stayed for almost an hour at the

wake of Dizon.

Amelina for her part said she told the President's daughter that she would need money to have Dizon buried at the Queen City Memorial Garden, Cebu's first memorial park.

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Solon urges total log ban in ARMM

COTABATO CITY—A Mindanao congressman, wary about the massive loss of lives and destruction to property in Luzon as a result of typhoon-spawned landslide and flash floods, urged a stricter government policy on selective logging, blamed by many for the tragedy.

"God forbid, we don't want this tragedy to happen to us in Mindanao," said House Deputy Speaker for Mindanao Gerry Salapudin.

Several provinces, mostly from Northern Luzon, suffered the brunt of nature's wrath with the death toll reaching 500 people and still rising.

The tragedy, said Salapudin, "is a lesson that we have to learn in Mindanao." Salapudin said there was a need "to review and study" the government's selective log ban which is graft-ridden.

Prior to the Luzon disaster, considered the worst calamity this year, Salapudin said he already felt the need to warn Environment Sec-

retary Michael Defensor and DENR officials in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao of the possibility of the disaster also happening in the ARMM.

He recommended a total log ban in the ARMM provinces of Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao for at least 10 years.

Because of the inaction, Salapudin said, some unscrupulous local government officials in the ARMM continue to support illegal logging in the guise of the selective log ban.

"That's why even the police and the military are helpless because local leaders themselves are involved," he said.

Such irregularity, he said, has extended into the agrarian reform department, citing the massive cutting of trees identified as DAR resettlement areas. *Charles Señate and Edwin Fernandes, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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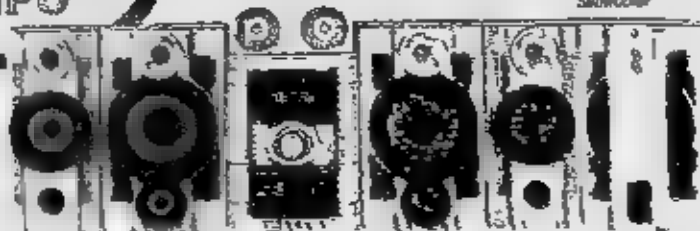
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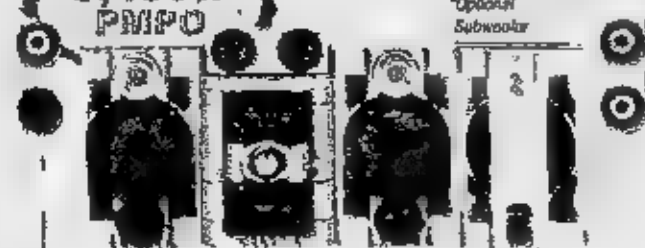
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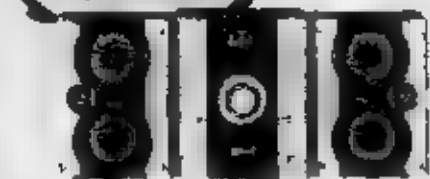
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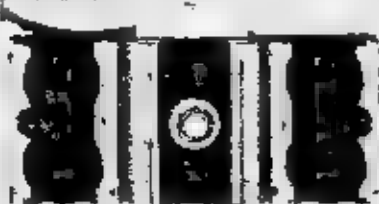
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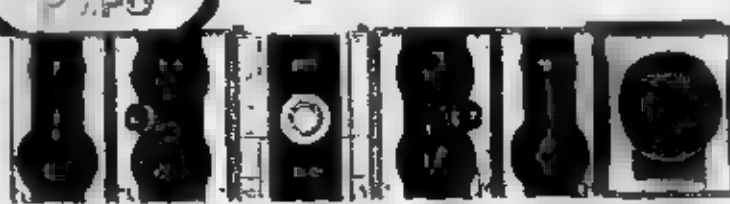
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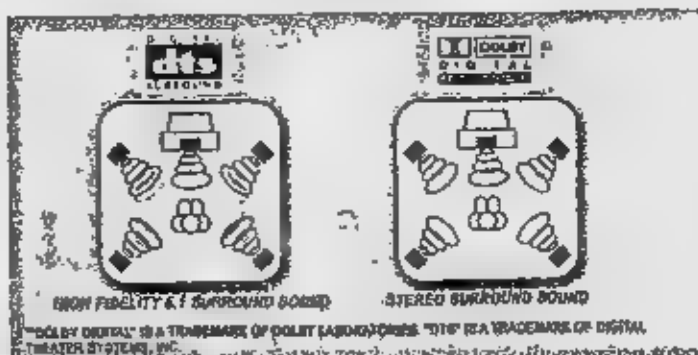
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Negros gov says funds released to stop cholera

BACOLOD CITY—Negros Occidental Gov. Joseph Marañon yesterday said the provincial government has released funds for medicines needed to treat patients suffering from cholera and has directed all local governments in the province to adopt measures to stem the spread of the disease.

The province also assigned a medical technologist at the Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital in Bacolod City to assist in the free laboratory examination of indigent patients, he said.

Dr. Jessie Glen Aonsabe, regional epidemiologist of the Department of Health, on Tuesday tagged Bacolod City as a hot spot for cholera and declared a cholera alert situation in Negros Occidental.

Aonsabe said the declaration was based on investigation that showed 27 confirmed cases of cholera in Bacolod City and four cases in Negros Occidental, with two deaths.

Marañon yesterday said the provincial government released P195,750 for the purchase of dextrose, medicines, reagents and supplies. These will be given to different hospitals and local government units to be used for suspected cholera cases, he said.

Marañon said the province would be releasing more funds for medicines as the need for them arises.

Dr. Luisa Eften, the provincial health officer, said they have also asked all city and municipal officials in the province to examine all possible sources of drinking water and pipes, especially in areas where there were a noted increase in cholera cases.

She also asked people to disinfect water sources and strictly monitor ambulant and semi-permanent vendors.

Bacolod Mayor Evelio Leonardia, for his part, said the warning from DOH was timely as it would allow the city government to intensify its campaign against the disease and prevent an outbreak. *Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

DPWH rescinds P142-M road deal

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Works and Highways scrapped a contractor in Antique of a project that was awarded to it for severe delays in the project implementation.

In a statement, Public Works Secretary Florante Sorsaque said he has denied the motion for reconsideration sought by O.R. Sarmiento Construction on his decision to rescind the contract for the P142.81 million San Jose-Panongon Road.

The contract was rescinded after the Sept. 26, 2004 target completion date was not met. At that time, the accomplishment rate of the project was only 38.54 percent.

"We cannot afford to continue to compromise the well-being of the public. The department has high expectations when it comes to completion of projects and we will be forced to acquire the services of another contractor since O.R. Sarmiento has proven to be incapable of finishing this project," Sorsaque said.

The DPWH offered the remaining work to China Road and Bridges Corp., which is the second lowest bidder of the project and is expected to reply within the week.

Sorsaque cited the separate assessment made by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which concluded that O.R. Sarmiento can not finish the project even if the deadline was extended.

"Lending institutions, which provide ample funding for projects, have no tolerance for poor performance and neither do we," the public works secretary said.

The DPWH has kept a close watch over O.R. Sarmiento after Sen. Ramon Revilla Jr., chair of the Senate public works committee, brought to Sorsaque's attention a subcontract given by the firm to another firm for the Don Galo-La Huerta Bridge rehabilitation project without approval of the DPWH.

Subcontracting is allowed only up to 50 percent of the total project and with prior clearance from the DPWH.

Laguna execs feud over P1.2M in medicine sale

CALAMBA CITY—A ranking official of the Laguna provincial government found himself in hot water after the provincial treasurer uncovered "unauthorized orders for advance deliveries" of medicines and medical supplies amounting to over P1.2 million.

According to documents obtained by the Inquirer, provincial treasurer Manuel Leycano Jr. accused Valentin Guidote Jr., the provincial planning and development coordinator, of entering into transactions without consulting the treasurer's office and other departments.

He said Guidote's action was a "total disregard of the existing rules and regulations as well as the procurement process involved."

In his letter to Gov. Teresita "Ningning" Lazaro dated Nov. 19, Leycano said as head of the planning and development department, Guidote is not authorized to enter into business transactions with any supplier and issue orders for advance deliveries.

"The sweeping allegations of Mr. Guidote... that all his actions... are upon instructions and with prior approval by your good office is untenable and would surely put us in deep financial trouble," he said in his letter to Lazaro.

Leycano said he discovered the alleged irregularities after four sales invoices from Carline, a medical supplies company, were given to his office for inspection.

He said that upon examining the purchase requests, he found that two of the four sales invoices did not have the signatures of requi-

sitioning officers, pursuant to the Local Government Code.

He said all four transactions did not have any certification of fund availability from his office, which was a direct violation of the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines.

The invoices were used to acquire medicines and medical supplies for the Laguna Provincial Hospital and Jose B. Rizal Memorial Hospital.

The documents showed that the purchases were made from Oct. 26 to Nov. 17 this year.

When reached through his mobile phone for comment, Guidote denied Leycano's allegations saying all his transactions were authorized by provincial administrator Dennis Lazaro.

He said Leycano "was just making an issue out of nothing."

"This has been blown out of proportion. The issue should have been contained within the department concerned. But he never issued a copy of his letter to my office or even the administrator's office," he told the Inquirer.

Guidote said Lazaro, as head of the Bids and Awards Committee, ordered him to make the purchase requests when the latter was still in the United States.

"If we waited for Mr. Lazaro to arrive, it would take at least one and a half months to get what we needed," he said.

But when asked if he got an authorization letter, Guidote replied: "I just asked him thru text message. He then authorized me to issue the purchase order thru text message." Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Davao plans feast for poor for 1 month

DAVAO CITY—After all the belt-tightening and cost-cutting moves during the past months, the city government will spend everything it has saved to feed the poor and the hungry in a Yuletide evening eating binge that would last almost a month.

"Walang magugutom sa pasko (No Davaoño should go hungry this Christmas)," Patricia Ruivivar, the mayor's chief of staff, quoted Mayor Rodrigo Duterte as saying.

"And I'm not talking here of just an ordinary 'lugaw' fare. It's more than that," Ruivivar said.

Earlier, city tourism head Id Acaylar said the menu will consist of regular dishes from the local Halypin Restaurant here.

"We target as many as 20,000 people a day," Ruivivar added. The feeding program, which will open at 4 p.m. at the Rizal Park and last until the day's supply lasts, would try to prove there is more to the "bad boy, tough guy" image of the mayor and show that the city is committed to serving its people, according to Ruivivar.

She said the city government will use every centavo of its savings from the austerity measure this year to feed the poor.

Aside from the feeding station at the Rizal Park, the city will also put up mobile ones to reach the far flung districts of Paquibato and Marilog. Germinela A. Lacorte, PDI Mindanao Bureau

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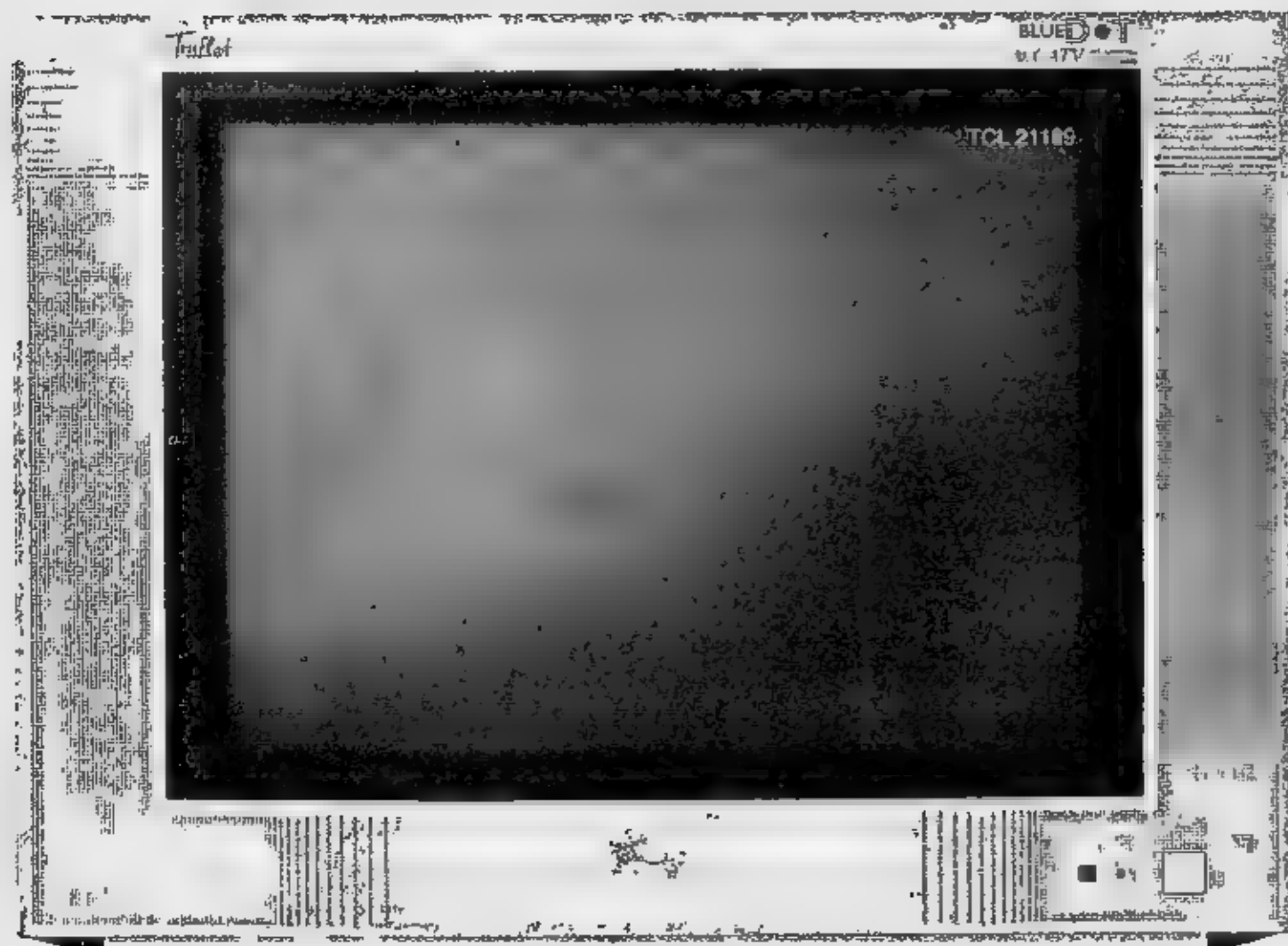
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Going to the new Walmart Supermarket in Makati has also never been easier. There are vehicular and pedestrian access routes from both the Pasong Tamo (Chino Roces Avenue) and Pasay Road (Araza Avenue) sides, and over 300 available parking spaces in the basement and ground floors. Within the new Walmart Makati Community Mall, there are all floor elevators and escalators as well as walkways from the lower ground floor parking to the 2nd level designed specifically to allow Supermarket Shoppers utmost ease and convenience in transporting their groceries to their cars.

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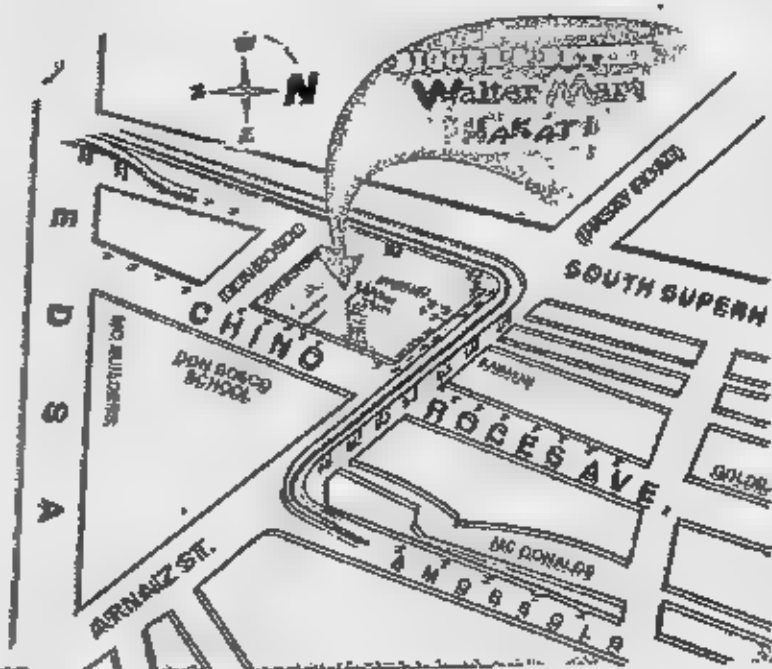
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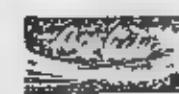
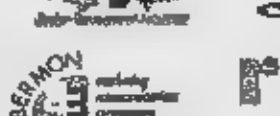
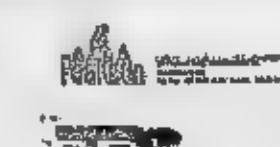
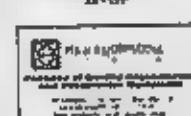
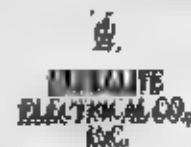
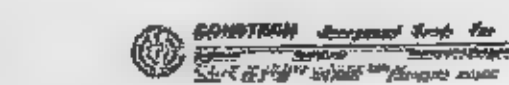
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NPA blamed for logging, landslides

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pus) the principal executive to lay out and implement a special operational plan—with the full support of the Armed Forces as I have just instructed (AFP Chief of Staff) Gen. (Efren) Abu to do—to stop the illegal logging activities, especially of the NPA and to take all their cohorts into account," the President said to the applause of the mayors.

Ms Arroyo earlier directed the AFP and the Philippine National Police to crack down on illegal loggers, whom she blamed for the landslides and flash floods that killed hundreds of people in Quezon, Aurora and Nueva Ecija.

"The insurgents should not be allowed to plunder our forests to raise funds to undermine our democracy. This is a matter of ecological balance as well as national security," Ms Arroyo said in her speech before the LMP, the association of the country's 1,495 municipal mayors.

His appointment as NRDC chair would be the latest twist to the colorful and controversial career of Corpus, who as a Philippine Military Academy instructor defected to the NPA in the late 1960s and became one of its top commanders.

He was captured in the mid-1970s during the Marcos regime but was released from detention by then President Corason Aquino in 1986.

He rejoined the military and became an ally of Ms Arroyo after he joined other military officers in withdrawing support from then President Joseph Estrada in 2001.

Corpus, who retired from the service on

Oct. 3, was appointed president of Bukidnon Forest Inc., a subsidiary of the NRDC.

But Ms Arroyo yesterday said Corpus would also chair NRDC, a government corporation attached to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Palace sources said Corpus had asked for one month before assuming his new post.

P2 per board foot

In Lucena City, the chief of the military's Southern Luzon Command in Camp Nakar yesterday said Communist Party of the Philippines and NPA rebels operating in the Sierra Madre were receiving at least P2 per board foot of illegally cut trees from illegal loggers.

"The illegal loggers are also in the mountains. They (CPP and NPA rebels) are collecting money from illegal loggers, otherwise the illegal loggers could not have survived," Maj. Gen. Pedro Cabusay, the head of Solcom, told the Inquirer.

CPP spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal scoffed at Cabusay's charges. "That's an old and rehearsed issue. There will be a proper time to answer that malicious allegation," Rosal said in a mobile phone interview.

The CPP spokesperson earlier said the NPA would help the displaced typhoon victims rebuild their homes and their lives.

But Cabusay accused the rebels of hypocrisy, saying they could have stopped illegal logging had they cared about the forests and the people's welfare.

In Manila, Lakas Rep. Robert "Ace" Barbers said it would have been impossible for the log-

gers to operate in the Sierra Madre had the NPA refused to sanction their illegal operations.

"It is thus clear and as sure as the sun rises in the morning that the NPAs under Ka Roger are equally guilty of murdering the hundreds of people killed in the landslides," Barbers said.

"They cannot wash their hands of this case, which probably explains their deafening silence on the matter. They are quick to blame the government for the hardships of the people but cannot own up to the worse sins and deception they commit against the people. It shows you the kind of animals these criminals are," the congressman said.

Barbers said illegal loggers would not have been able to cut down trees and bring in heavy equipment into rebel-infested areas without the knowledge and consent of the NPA.

Complicity of gov't execs

The congressman, however, stressed he was not ruling out the complicity of corrupt government officials in illegal logging.

Barbers urged Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Mike Defensor to conduct an impartial investigation.

"Guilt lies somewhere. Answers are wanting. To allow this brutality to pass is like killing those people who lost their lives twice over. I do not want to sound like a broken record, but this has to stop now," he added.

With reports from Cynthia D. Balana in Manila, and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

UK Prince Andrew arrives in RP to howling welcome

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ahead of "Yoyong," the most powerful typhoon to hit the country this year.

Prince Andrew, the second son and third child of Queen Elizabeth II, also known as the Duke of York, is in the country for a three-day official visit in his capacity as the UK's special representative for International Trade and Investment.



PRINCE ANDREW JOSEPH AGACAO

Under wraps

Apparently, his arrival was kept under wraps. Press officials at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport and the Philippine Air Force said they were not informed about his arrival. They also did not receive any request for arrival honors for the prince. Not in the farthest of weather.

After his arrival, Prince Andrew was driven to the British ambassador's residence in North Forbes Park in Makati City.

At around 6:30 last night, the prince was set to lead the launching of the coffee-table book "The British Legacy to the Philippines: 425 Years of Philippine-British Relations."

The press was invited for a photo opportunity but not to the private reception that followed. The book's author, Bing Carrión-Buck, was to present the first copy of her work to the prince.

Call on GMA

During his visit, the duke is scheduled to call on President Macapagal-Arroyo, Trade Secretary Cesar Purisima and Energy Secretary Vincent Perez, among other government officials.

The visit aims to strengthen commercial and security relations between the UK and the Philippine governments.

"He's coming despite the in-

clement weather. We have not received any advisory that he was canceling his trip," Karen Jimenez, public affairs officer of the British Embassy in Manila, said in a phone interview earlier in the day.

She, however, declined to disclose details of his flight in deference to Malacañang, which arranged his visit.

3rd visit

This is the duke's third visit to Manila after his visits in December 1996 and May 2001, the embassy said.

"What's different about his visit is that he's coming here as a special representative for international trade and investment," Jimenez said.

The Duke of York was the first child to be born to a reigning British monarch in 103 years.

Named Andrew Albert Christian Edward, he was known as Prince Andrew until his marriage to Sarah Ferguson, when he was designated the Duke of York, Earl of Inverness and Baron Kilyleagh, according to the British Embassy.

The tumultuous marriage was a favorite tabloid fare until the couple divorced.

RP could be world's 5th mining power, says GMA

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But a group of scientists in Metro Manila as well as bishops and mayors in Samar said mining could result in more flash floods and environmental degradation.

"We are poised for a strong economic take-off never seen in the recent past," the President said in a speech before the Mayors' League at the Manila Hotel. "We should not be poor."

Ms Arroyo mentioned the country's ranking based on deposits of its precious metals—No. 3 in gold, No. 4 in copper, No. 5 in nickel and No. 6 in chrome deposits.

She got the numbers after an interaction with the prime ministers of mining countries—Canada and Australia—whose companies have been waiting for a favorable Supreme Court decision to pursue their exploration projects in the country.

"Our mining potential is ten times our annual gross national product. It can easily wipe out our foreign debts and yet leave more for future generations," the President said.

The National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) estimated the country's mineral deposits potential at P47 trillion, or 10 times the country's annual gross domestic product and 15 times the foreign debt.

Multiplier effect

Neda said the country's mining sector had the potential of contributing P1.8 trillion annually to the country's economy because it has been opened to foreign investments. The P1.8 trillion is equivalent to 36 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

"Mining has a multiplier effect of six times. A policy decision to rebuild the mining industry would open its enormous economic potential," said Neda Director General Romulo Neri.

Neri was referring to the decision of the Supreme Court made last Wednesday, which said the law liberalizing the country's mining industry was constitutional.

The high court decision reversed its earlier ruling that the law allowing foreign players in the local mining sector was unconstitutional.

The country's chief economist said the court decision would keep the country on track to meet its Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP). The plan calls for the country's mining sector to generate \$4 billion to \$6 billion in investments, \$5 billion to \$7 billion in annual foreign exchange, and at least 240,000 jobs in the next six years.

Rapid environmental degradation

The Samahan ng Nagtataguyod ng Agham at Teknolohiya para sa Sambayanan (Agham), however, does not share the optimism of Ms Arroyo and Neda.

Agham said the Supreme Court and the Arroyo administration were ignoring the effects of mining on the environment and the people.

Dz. Giovanni Tapang, chair of the militant scientists' group, said foreign corporations had caused rapid environmental degradation in the country.

"The large-scale plunder of our natural resources results in areas that are susceptible to environmental imbalance," he said.

"Take the case of the flash floods in Quezon and Aurora due to the recent typhoons. It was large-scale logging that contributed largely to the instability of the soil there," Tapang said.

Calbayog Bishop Jose Palma said mining would degrade the forests and poison the rivers, leaving the towns vulnerable to disasters.

"We have seen the destruction wrought by

mining. We have seen Ormoc (Leyte). We fear an equal or worse disruption if mining is allowed," Palma said, recalling the flash floods in Ormoc that killed at least 2,000 people.

Another bishop, Most Rev. Angel Hobayan of Catarman, recalled how two rivers in Samar overflowed and submerged two towns for an entire week due to the degradation of the surrounding forests.

Largest bauxite deposit

Samar is known to have the country's largest deposits of bauxite, a base mineral for aluminum which is the third most in demand mineral in the world today, environmentalist Melchor Nacario said.

He revealed that there were 41 applications from mining firms to explore Samar, including municipalities that had been declared protected areas.

Local officials and religious leaders in Samar's 25 municipalities have questioned the permits given to two local firms to explore protected areas in the region last year.

"We feel that the government has sold the birthright of the people because the people have become poorer... Why should the foreign mining firms now benefit from what is ours?" Palma said.

"The people have suffered enough and have been left out in so many ways," he added.

Among the most popular municipalities for exploration are San Jorge, San Jose de Buan, Gandara, Matuginao, Paranas and Motong. San Jose de Buan, which is often the target area of mining firms, is in the center of the island and is connected to two rivers that flow into other towns.

"If you destroy it, you contaminate the rivers and spread poison into the other towns, and the rivers are the people's main source of water," Nacario said.

Reason not good enough

San Jose de Buan is known for its huge bauxite deposits. The bauxite deposits can be retrieved only through open-pit mining, which requires a clearing of the forest.

San Jorge Mayor Joseph Grey said that even the employment opportunities being mentioned by the government were not a good enough reason to allow mining in the region. Grey said that most workers in the mines received only a P100 daily wage.

Local officials and bishops in the region are pushing for the passage of House Bill No. 2925, which seeks to create the Samar Island National Park and declare 333,000 hectares a protected area and another 125,400 hectares a buffer zone.

The bill had been filed at least twice but it had never gotten past the committee hearings.

Sound mining practices

In her speech, the President assured the public that mining should not be feared but embraced because it would "discourage the poor from ravaging just to survive and mitigate the deadliest disasters."

She said the government was committed to "fully enforce responsible and environmentally sound mining practices" to ensure the safety of workers and the preservation of natural resources.

"We are now in the 21st century and all these new mining technologies will certainly make our mining sustainable," said the President.

She noted that host communities would benefit from the entry of mining firms that would pay taxes and duties to the provincial government down to the barangay levels.

Mining is the only sector that could generate investments and dollar exports that would

enable the government to achieve an economic growth rate of at least 7 percent in the medium term, according to a foreign think tank associated with The Economist.

Now's the time

The Philippine Business Leaders Forum also noted that the high court reversal of its previous ruling limiting mining to Filipinos could not have come at a better time.

"Now is the time. Copper and gold prices are at the highest for several years and India and China are predicted to keep copper prices high through the next decade," the Forum said.

With a report from Norman Bordadora

ADVISORY

We, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND THE THOUSANDS OF AGRO-ENTREPRENEURS OF GOOD HARVEST ORCHARDS MARKETING CORPORATION are elated to underscore the fact that the ex-parte Cease and Desist Order (Issued motu proprio and in spite of the absence of a single complainant to date.) Issued earlier by the Securities and Exchange Commission, by mandate of law is now AUTOMATICALLY LIFTED, pursuant to Sec. 64.3 of the Securities Regulations Code which provides:

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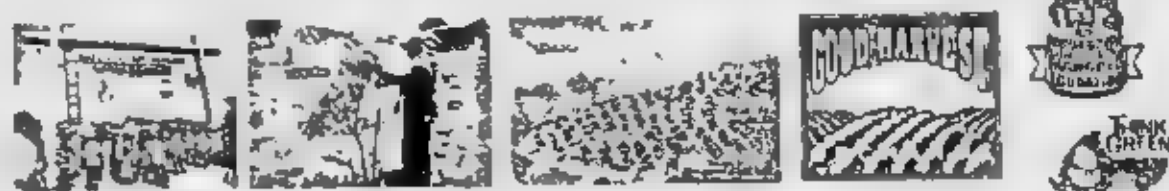
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Farmer buries dreams with first son

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les, a small wiry man who has been farming the Sierra Madre mountain range looming above Real for decades.

"It is God's will. I haven't seen anything quite like it before. We were lucky to be alive," he said, adding that his wife was being cared for by his other child, a 10-year-old girl, in a safe place farther up the highway.

Guava tree

Seles said he would return to recover his son's body when the weather clears. His only landmark for the grave is a small guava tree that had survived strong winds overnight.

More than 900 people were confirmed dead or missing after massive floods and landslides struck the Philippines this week, the military said yesterday.

An Army tally at a field operations center in Real listed 484 bodies recovered and 352 missing in the adjacent towns of Real, Infanta and General Nakar—the worst hit by storms that battered Luzon in recent days.

The Office of Civil Defense in Manila listed 48 people dead and 38 missing elsewhere, for a national total of 532 dead and 390 missing.

Blocked by boulders

As Seles grieved over his son, men and women were digging through mud where three people were believed to be buried.

Tractors and bulldozers were nearby, struggling to clear debris that had blocked the main highway to the center of town, where many more bodies were believed lying in a state of decomposition.

The mountain highway to Real

remained blocked by huge boulders that had been washed down by floods. In one section near Seles' home, half of the road had turned into an unstable cliff strewn with logs.

Water cascading from the slopes had transformed a brook into swollen rapids.

Soldiers and journalists struggling to reach the town center by road passed a small brick house perilously perched on a cliff.

But the family refused to leave.

"We don't have anywhere else to go, anyway, and inside it's still warm," said the father, who refused to give his name, but offered everyone boiled cassava.

For the disaster, Seles blamed lumber companies that were operating illegally on the mountain.

"What I can say is that it is illegal. Please stop it. People are dying," he said.

But he was quick to defend slash-and-burn farmers: "We only farm to live and eat, not to destroy the mountain."

97 bodies

Volunteer rescue workers in the village of Tignoan, on Real's outskirts, said they had unearthed 97 bloated bodies so far from a beach house that was serving as an evacuation center and was buried by a mudslide on Monday.

More than 100 residents had sought refuge there to escape the rising floodwaters.

"We are digging with spades and our bare hands" because heavy equipment could not get through collapsed bridges and roads buried by landslides, said Mario Nanola, the team leader.

Nanola and a dozen members of the team temporarily pulled out early yesterday to fetch food for the others.

"There are no body bags available. The stench is unbearable," Nanola told AFP.

He said he had heard from survivors that more bodies were floating on the coast.

Cultural situation

Grieving survivors had been told to bury their dead swiftly to prevent possible disease outbreaks.

"As much as possible, the bodies should be buried as soon as possible," Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit said in a TV address yesterday.

"But we're sensitive to the cultural situation and many do not want them buried until they can identify their loved ones. In that sense, we have sent lime, which can help as a preservative and

prevent the smell," he said.

Nevertheless, "because of the wide area of the damage," Dayrit said it was likely there would not be enough chemicals to go around, and therefore "local officials should call the shots depending on the situation as far as the burial of the bodies" was concerned.

Dayrit said his recommendations were part of "operations for preventive measures, particularly epidemic control," in the face of Typhoon "Yoyong."

Sick and hungry

"Food, lots of food and lots of medicine for the sick and the hungry" are what Real Mayor Arsenio Ramallosa said he would request President Macapagal-Arroyo to send the moment she sets foot in his devastated town.

"We no longer have food. My sick and hungry town mates, mostly children, are getting worse every minute. May President Arroyo help us before it's too late," he told the inquirer yesterday in a satellite phone interview.

When told that the President was scheduled to visit the area yesterday, Ramallosa said he was "ecstatic." He said he would immediately order a spot cleared on the school grounds as a landing spot for Ms Arroyo's helicopter.

Prioritize clearing of roads

He said the last time they received relief goods was on Nov. 30 and that the supply had been consumed since Dec. 1.

Ramallosa said the National Food Authority in Infanta had agreed to loan Real 500 sacks of rice.

"But the roads between our towns are still difficult to traverse. What I have received is only a part of the total number of sacks allotted to us," he said, adding:

"The government should give priority to the clearing of our roads for the speedy delivery of relief goods. There are still huge logs blocking the highway."

No more food to sell

In a radio interview, Real Councilor Beth Macasaet said almost all the stores in the town had no more food to sell.

"All their shelves are empty. They have offered all their food for free to their hungry town mates," Ramallosa said.

The mayor said they had yet to finish burying the 126 bodies in Real on Wednesday because it had grown dark.

He said they would continue burying their dead today. Reports from Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, AFP



THE NATIONAL Disaster Coordinating Agency is a beehive of activity as workers monitor weather satellite images to track the path of "Yoyong."

IN THE KNOW

Pagasa's public storm signals

No. 1: Occasional rains and winds of 30-60 kph and intermittent rains may be expected in at least 36 hours. Coastal waters will be moderate to rough. Vessels weighing 1,000 tons or below will not be allowed to depart or leave for places which are under Signal No. 1.

No. 2: Moderate to heavy rains and gusty winds greater than 60 kph and up to 100 kph in at least 24 hours. Rough seas and coastal waters are dangerous to small seacraft. Only vessels of 2,000 tons and above are allowed to leave port.

No. 3: Winds greater than 100 kph up to 185 kph may be expected in at least 18 hours. Coastal waters will be very rough and dangerous to all seacraft.

No. 4: The highest alert level for super typhoons, with very strong winds of more than 185 kph, may be expected in at least 12 hours. The area under storm Signal No. 4 is very likely to be hit directly by the eye of the storm and damage can be very heavy.

Based on procedures formulated by the DepEd, classes in public and private elementary schools are automatically suspended in areas where typhoon Signal No. 1 has been raised by the Pagasa.

When Signal No. 2 is declared, classes in both elementary and high school are suspended. Typhoon Signals No. 3 and 4 automatically suspend classes in all levels.

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AFP salutes barefoot . . .

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occupants before the rampaging waters of the Agus River could sweep them away.

Reyes said the team first recovered the children and quickly took them to the town's evacuation center for emergency treatment.

He said the team was able to find other residents with the help of their neighbors.

"Rescuing people in distress is part and parcel of soldiering. The job is nothing new to us," Reyes

said shyly.

He said he and his men had barely slept and managed to keep awake with the help of steaming native coffee and a few biscuits.

Snappy salute

Reyes executed a snappy salute to all the military officials who were temporarily camped in the proposed town hall under construction.

Then he headed back to his men, to prepare for more search-and-rescue operations in other villages.

GMA braves weather to be with victims in Quezon

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her security officials, citing the lack of lodging facilities, prevailed upon her to return to Malacañang.

Use of own helicopters

Ms Arroyo has ordered the use of her own helicopters to help in rescue and relief efforts for typhoon victims, the PAF said yesterday.

Ms Arroyo, who was accompanied by Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman, held a briefing with disaster officials to assess the situation and the local residents' preparedness, and to distribute goods.

Price monitoring

Earlier in the day, the President met with her economic managers in Malacañang to review the overall price and supply situations of basic commodities following the onslaughts of successive typhoons in the past few days—"Unding," "Violera," Winnie and Yoyong—in many areas of Luzon.

Ms Arroyo ordered the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Agriculture to step up their monitoring of retail prices to ensure that traders did not exploit the calamities to jack up prices of rice, vegetables, fish, poultry and meat.

In a statement, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye appealed to people living in the projected path of Yoyong to "act to minimize, if not preclude, casualties."

Help for displaced

Bunye also asked for assistance to augment government resources to help the displaced

and severely affected

All four helicopters of the presidential transport wing would be used in efforts to spot people who need rescuing and fly in relief goods, PAF spokesperson Lt. Col. Restituto Padilla said.

Presidential transport

One helicopter is already flying over the storm-hit town of Simloan, "to probe and see if we can still conduct even on a limited scale, search and rescue and relief operations for our citizens there," he added.

The helicopter is "better-equipped with complete avionics on board," allowing it to fly in areas where other helicopters cannot operate, to find areas where aircraft might still be brought in, Padilla said.

Three other presidential helicopters are on standby for any emergency flights along with three military UH-1H choppers, he added.

Isolate towns

Padilla said military officials were still "evaluating our options for renewed air operations" amid worsening weather conditions as Yoyong was within hours of striking the same areas.

Some of the worst-hit towns have been isolated from vehicles by landslides and fallen bridges while rough waters have prevented most boats from reaching them.

Padilla said the Air Force might have to curtail its flights as the typhoon approaches.

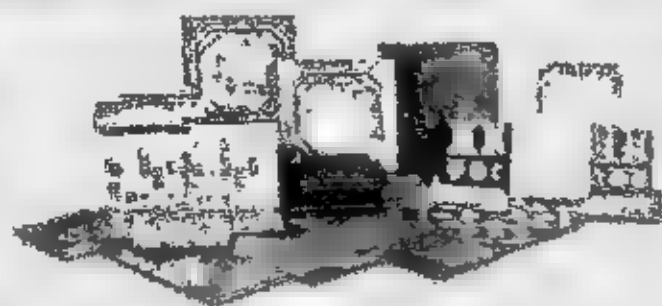
Ms Arroyo had previously authorized the use of the infrequently utilized presidential yacht for rescue and relief efforts as well. With an AFP report



THE CHILDREN in an evacuation center in Pulián, Bulacan, are in various states of discontent.

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Devastated, yet thankful, Rodriguez evacuees ponder the future

By Lulge A. del Puerto

OUT OF the water and onto the cold, damp floor. Away from their homes and into a crowded gymnasium. And they are the lucky ones.

They belong to around 100 families that had to leave flood-ravaged communities in Rodriguez (formerly Montalban), Rizal, which was badly hit by Tropical Depression "Winnie."

The evacuees, a number of them children, sleep on the floor, with only thin sheets of cardboard separating their bodies from the pavement.

Although in relative safety inside

the gym just across the town hall, the cramped and crowded conditions expose them to diseases, mostly of the respiratory kind.

But for Daisy Ador, 33, of Barangay Rosario, facing an uncertain future is far more tormenting than the discomfort of living in a refugee camp.

What happens tomorrow?

After the sun rises and the storm passes, Daisy wonders what awaits her and her family.

"This is a lonely place," she said, looking at the cold floor. Elsewhere, children were playing, unmindful of their condition.

"But our house is gone. The

flood left us nothing, just our clothes. Thinking about the future tires me so much," she said.

Daisy, her husband Julio, mother-in-law Margarita and daughter Judylyn managed to flee their homes before it was swept away. The family saw the water rising and immediately sought higher ground.

There was no time to salvage anything, except their lives.

The flood has reduced them beyond being poor. At least the poor have their belongings, she said.

"But what is important is that we are alive," Daisy said. "We thank God for that."

Despite their condition, the

refugees are the lucky ones. Hundreds more from nearby provinces died in flash floods. Entire towns remain inaccessible: food, medicine and dry clothes cannot reach them.

Rodriguez Mayor Pedro Cuervo said the refugees would be relocated to Erap City. They would not be allowed to rebuild their homes along the riverbanks.

Worst-hit villages

Most of the evacuees are from Sitio Sabah in Barangay San Jose and Sitio Libis in Barangay Rosario. A handful are from Barangays Balite, Geronimo, and San Rafael.

Food is not a problem. There are enough noodles and canned goods for everybody.

Local workers have also begun distributing vitamins and medicine, mostly for cough and diarrhea. There were also used clothes and blankets.

Several municipal doctors checked on the children and the elderly, admitting to a local hospital those who needed greater care.

President Arroyo briefly visited the Rodriguez evacuation center at about lunchtime Tuesday, conoling with families who lost members.

The families are holding a

wakes inside the gym, where seven coffins rest on a stage.

In the villages of Burgos, San Rafael, San Jose, Geronimo, Rosario, Balite and San Isidro—villages ravaged by floodwaters—a lull in the weather allowed residents to pick up what was left of their belongings, and clear their homes of mud, garbage and debris.

Many could be seen washing muddied clothes. Teacher Julie Ann de la Cruz, 24, was drying her record book and lesson plan on the pavement.

Several certificates, notebooks and textbooks were laid out to dry on a window pane.

OPERATION 'BIG BROTHER'

Metro mayors reach out to flood victims

THE MAYORS of Metro Manila's 17 local government units yesterday pledged to act as "big brothers" to cities and municipalities in other parts of the country severely affected by Typhoon "Yoyong" in the midst of their own disaster preparedness plans for their respective constituents.

"A lot of the LGUs in the metropolis, especially the big cities, have more than enough resources to extend assistance to the affected areas," Interior and Local Government Secretary Angelo Reyes said during the emergency meeting yesterday at the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) headquarters.

Reyes said the mayors agreed to "adopt" a flood-prone area in their own cities and municipalities. The municipality of Taguig, for example, picked the town of Sta. Rosa in Quezon as its "little brother."

The DILG chief said they would get a clearance from the Commission on Audit to allow the LGUs to accept flood victims and provide them with relief goods.

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Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay said their city council appropriated P8 million as aid to the province of Nueva Ecija. He said he would head a group of city officials to the province, bringing with them medical personnel, medicines, rubber boats, relief goods and clothes. Quezon City, on the other hand, promised to give P5 million.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza said the move to help the needy towns and municipalities "touched a very warm chord in the hearts of Metro Manila mayors." A medical team would be sent to Quezon as Manila's contribution to overall relief efforts.

MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando, on the other hand, said the Metro Manila Council approved the utilization of the agency's P8-million calamity fund for the typhoon victims.



FISHING vessels, big and small, lay idle in Navotas after the Coast Guard barred them from setting out to sea due to the approach of Typhoon "Yoyong." The situation gravely affected the supply of fish at the Navotas Fish Port and has forced prices to skyrocket.

Valenzuela's city councilors had already informally agreed to appropriate part of its calamity funds to help the affected areas, said Mayor Sherwin Gatchalian. Rice, canned goods and other basic necessities would be sent to Quezon, he added.

Caloocan City would also donate P1 million to the DILG, Mayor Enrico Echiverri said. Navotas, however, will just send amphibious vehicles, from the 202nd Naval Reserve Command based in the town, and volunteers to help in rescue operations, according to Mayor Toby Tiangco, who added that they had already spent a big part of their calamity fund in flood prevention projects.

As storm signal No. 2 was raised in Metro Manila yesterday

afternoon, classes were suspended in all levels, while government employees were allowed to go home in the afternoon. Some malls, like SM Megamall in Mandaluyong, closed down early evening.

In Rodriguez (Rizal), one of the hardest-hit towns, Mayor Pedro Cuervo said food, clothes, medicine, and medical teams from private and government groups, continued to pour into the Rodriguez gymnasium, where at least 100 rescued families are staying.

Cuervo said he had ordered barangay captains to tell owners of homes along the riverbanks to move to the gymnasium or the Amang Rodriguez Elementary School, where their safety

would be assured.

In Marikina City, teams were sent to warn residents of Concepcion Uno, Nangka, Mandalay, Tumana District and Doña Petra of the imminent danger of flooding.

The city has 20 evacuation centers. Since last Wednesday, Rescue 161 personnel, police and other city employees were on standby for rescue work. Mayor Mandes Fernando said that they had asked families in low-lying areas to vacate their houses and proceed to any of the evacuation centers.

San Juan Police Sgt. Supt. Rodolfo Jacon, on the other hand, said they were monitoring areas near the San Juan River, especially Barangays Balong Bato, Batis, Salapan and Rivera.

The city has rubber boats on hand to ferry stranded residents.

Rizal police provincial director Sr. Supt. Leocadio Santiago said that, as part of the local government's preventive measures, they had evacuated 80 families from Brgy. Lupang Arienda to the Korean-Christian School. The area is flood-prone because it is near Laguna de Bay.

Some 1,000 families from Barangays Banaba, Dulong Bayan and Antig in San Mateo, Rizal, were also moved to higher grounds.

In Quezon City, more than 6,000 families living in flood-prone areas like Barangays Silangan, Tatalon, Sto. Domingo, and San Francisco del Monte were relocated to safer grounds upon or-

ders of Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. who had mobilized the city's Disaster Coordinating Council to implement its disaster preparedness plan.

Disaster councils of the city's 142 barangays were also tasked to help in the city government's efforts to minimize the damages caused by the typhoon.

Belmonte also said 17 buses, trucks and ambulances are now standing by to respond to emergencies. The city's 94 public elementary and high schools buildings in the city are also available as relocation sites, the mayor said.

Meanwhile, in Manila, hundreds of families were evacuated to the Compound in Port Area, and the city government is also evacuating families from the Pulong Bato in Tondo were evacuated to public schools, covered courts and sports facilities in the city.

In Malabon City, police had already deployed five rubber boats to police precincts which have jurisdiction over flood-prone areas.

In Pasig City, Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad spent the city's 141st founding anniversary directing its disaster coordinating council to prepare for Typhoon "Yoyong."

Twenty garbage trucks were on standby in Parañaque City to rescue affected residents, while in Taguig, vehicles with public address systems went around town advising endangered residents to proceed to evacuation centers.

Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay said that, apart from the city's Disaster Coordinating Council now on a 24-hour alert, community kitchens would provide hot meals and distribute relief goods to affected residents. Margaux C. Ortiz, Edson C. Tundoc Jr., Lulge A. del Puerto, Ruth L. Navarra, Tina G. Santos, Tarra V. Quismundo, Nancy C. Carvajal, Carlo Mariano

UP mass communication students to party for profs 3 men, woman rob bank

By Margaux C. Ortiz

WHEN broadcast communication professor Angelito Tiongson succumbed to lymphoma two months ago, students and faculty at the University of the Philippines College of Mass Communication (CMC) were devastated.

As many expressed shock at Tiongson's sudden death, others worried about three more of their mentors suffering from similar life-threatening illnesses.

"The students were stricken by Lito's (Tiongson) death," said Josefina Santos, assistant professor at the UP-CMC broadcast department.

"Many cried, saying they failed to do something to help him," she added.

The college was rocked anew when Broadcast Department chair Rosa Maria Feliciano, former college dean Ellen Paglinawan, and Film Department instructor Joven Velasco took leaves from teaching this semester be-



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cause of their illnesses.

Feliciano, who teaches TV and radio production, was diagnosed with glomerulonephritis or destruction with inflammation of the kidneys in 1996.

"It is only recently that her kidneys failed completely," Santos said, adding that Feliciano had her first dialysis in August 2004.

According to Santos, Feliciano underwent a kidney transplant early this week, spending P1.3



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million for the procedure.

Retired professor Ellen Paglinawan, who until last semester taught at the college as a professor, lecturer, has been battling colon cancer for three years.

Paglinawan was diagnosed with tuberculosis of the colon in 2001 and underwent surgery this year.

Velasco, on the other hand, resigned from the college after suffering a stroke earlier this year. He is also suffering from dia-



VELASCO

betes, Santos explained.

"All of them, including the late professor Tiongson, had spent a great deal of money, even selling their properties to finance their medical treatments," Santos said.

She added, "Because of the university's low budget, the sick teachers have to use their own money despite having health cards."

For some UP-CMC students, Tiongson's death was the last straw.

"We felt both weird and sad because there were so many of our teachers falling ill," Jocelyn Fabello, a third year student, said. "We had to do something."

Fabello, of the BroadAss organization of which Feliciano was an adviser, said the college organizations agreed to raise funds for their sick mentors.

"We had been putting up fundraisers for different events, why not organize one that has more meaning?" Fabello said.

Fabello said they were organizing a two-week affair in February 2005 which included a fair, a unique search for Ginoong MassCom and a variety show.

The Ginoong MassCom tilt would subject gay candidates to challenges that would make them not straight.

Fabello said college alumni interested in giving donations could contact her at 373-0428 or 0927-6275554. They could also e-mail her at broadass_exte-com@yahoo.com.

3 men, woman rob bank

By Ruth L. Navarra

FOUR robbers, including a woman, robbed the East-West Bank branch on Shaw Boulevard yesterday morning.

The suspects struck at about 11:30 a.m. and took a still undisclosed amount of cash, said Sgt. Supt. Raul Medina.

Medina said the group pretended to be clients, adding that the guard allowed them in because they were with a woman. However, as soon as they got in, they declared a holdup and disarmed the one guard.

The suspects, who were carrying two handguns, fled on two motorcycles after the robbery that police said lasted for only about five minutes.

BASKETBALL NBA—Rockets vs. Mavs, 9 a.m. (7-9 p.m.); Solar Sports; Cavs vs. Nuggets, 11:30 a.m. (7-9 p.m.); Star Sports—It's an all-Texas affair when Houston faces Dallas while it's LeBron versus Melo as Cleveland visits Denver.

US NCAA—Ohio State vs. Clemson, 4 p.m.; Virginia vs. Northwestern, 6 p.m.; ESPN—Get your fill of US college hoops as the Big Ten's Buckeyes take on the ACC's Tigers while the Cavaliers face off against the Wildcats.



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NO. 2 SLOT ELIMINATOR IBF sanctions Pacquiao-Fahsan tiff

By Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor

IT'S NOW official!

The New Jersey-based International Boxing Federation has officially sanctioned the Dec. 11 Manny Pacquiao-Fahsan 3K Battery clash as an eliminator for the vacant No. 2 slot, with the winner assured of becoming the top guy should IBF champ Juan Manuel Marquez decide to rumble with current No. 1 Rocky Juarez in a mandatory defense.



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Chair Lindsey Tucker, in an e-mail message to this writer, said he has approved the application to sanction the 12-round rumble this week.

"I did approve Manny Pacquiao vs. Fahsan 3K Battery for an IBF featherweight eliminator for No. 2. The request came in this week," Tucker told this writer.

The No. 2 featherweight slot in the IBF ranking is currently vacant.

Juarez, the top contender who is slated to vie for the WBC title soon, will defend the WBC Continental Americas featherweight crown today against ex-WBC champ Guty Espadas Jr.

Organizers of the Pacquiao-Fahsan bout recently announced that the fight would be an IBF eliminator, although they have yet to formally apply for approval with the sanctioning body.

Apparently, promoter Murad Muhammad's M&M Sports had worked hard to get the IBF approval so as not to disappoint the Filipino crowd and give the fight the importance it deserves.

Pacquiao and members of his team are slated to arrive in Manila on Sunday. They are scheduled to meet with event organizers and sponsors on Monday.

Muhammad will plane in via Philippine Airlines from Los Angeles today while Fahsan and hard-hitting compatriot Chalyong Distar are expected Monday together with manager Jimmy Chalchorchaung.

Chalyong, who owns 11 KOs in 12 wins against two defeats, will face RP and Orient Pacific Boxing Federation No.1 ranked super flyweight Z "The Dream" Gorres in the Pacquiao-Fahsan undercard.

Among the supporters of the Dec. 11 event are Smart, Talk 'N Text, Solar Sports, PLDT, Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga and Discovery Suites.

Mayol risks OPBF title versus Thai

WORLD COUNCIL Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation minimumweight boss Rodel Mayol will be defending his title on Jan. 29 at the Casino Filipino in Parañaque, Manila.



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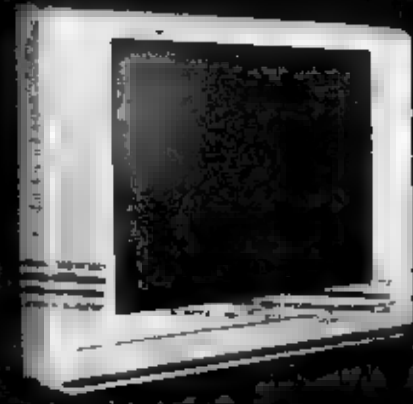
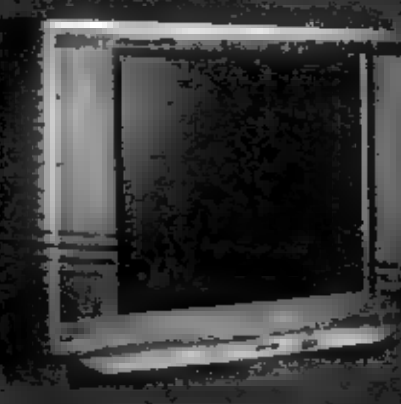
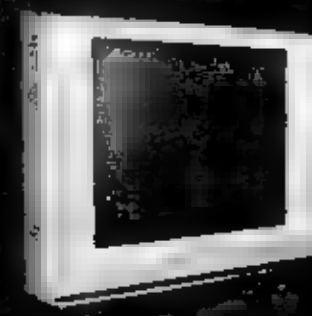
The dynamite-fisted Mayol, considered by boxing pundits as one of the best minimumweight fighters in the world, will use this titular defense as his preparation for a possible world title crack next year against the WBC 105-lb king.

The Mandaue City-based fighter, who fights out of the Stonewall Boxing Gym, boasts an unblemished 19 wins with 15 KOs and no loss since turning professional under the guidance of trainer Romeo Magsaysay. He threw his hat into the paid arena following a bright amateur career which saw him become a five-time national champ with more than 120 fights.

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FedEx	5	8
*Coca-Cola	5	8
Alaska	5	9
Sta. Lucia Realty	4	8

*still playing at presstime

GAMES SUNDAY (Armstrong Coliseum)

4 p.m.—Coke vs Talk 'N Text

6:30 p.m.—Sta. Lucia vs Shell

Color developed at the end of the first half when Raymundo chased and blocked Arigo's drive and then tumbled the Tigers' shooting guard. The act triggered a heated exchange between Raymundo and Rafi Reavis as they streamed toward the dugout with the Tigers ahead at the half, 36-34, in the match sponsored by Lactovital, the league's official food supplement. Meanwhile, PBA Commissioner Noli Eala has canceled today's double-header at the PhilSports Arena due to super typhoon "Yoyong."

The games pitting Sta. Lucia Realty against Red Bull Barako and Barangay Ginebra against San Miguel Beer are expected to be held as the last twinbill of the eliminations.

12 Days of X'mas

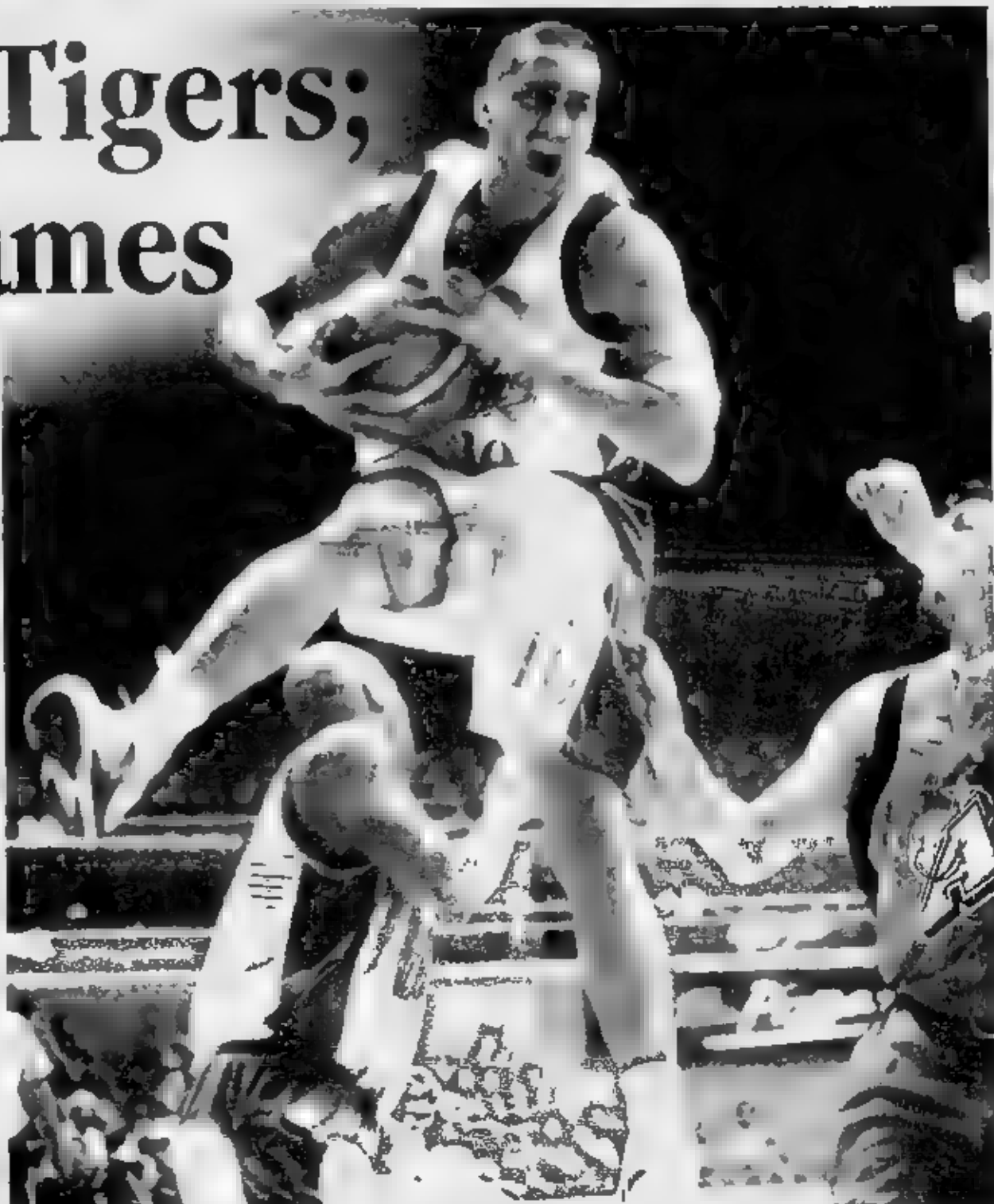
Meanwhile, the PBA launched its version of the Twelve Days of Christmas, a monthlong Yuletide treat the league is hosting for less-fortunate youngsters. FedEx and San Miguel opened up the event and hosted select youngsters from Haven for Children and Nasyon ng Kabataan during their game Wednesday.

During halftime of each designated game day, 50 children from each institution will be treated to a Christmas night like no other: free seats to watch the games live, free food, autograph-signing and picture-taking opportunities with their basketball heroes plus tokens and special giveaways.

The scores: PUREFOODS 82—Raymundo 17, Evangelista 15, Castillo 10, Hiralak 8, Yee 7, Aradil 7, Yap 7, Luna 6, Simon 3, Resalbal 2, Espinosa 0.

COCA-COLA 76—Peak 19, Arigo 14, Aranda 11, Abanitos 9, Antonio 6, Morano 5, Reyes 4, Julio 4, Walwright 2, Chie 2, Lao 0, Ramos 0.

Quarters: 18-19, 34-35, 54-56, 82-76



RICH Alvarez grabs the rebound over Alaska's Bong Hawkins in their game won by the Turbochargers. ALBERT DELA CRUZ

By June Navarro

LIPA CITY—Purefoods weathered a stormy first half by leaning on Rey Evangelista and Kerby Raymundo to subdue Coca-Cola, 82-76, in the Gran Matador PBA Philippine Cup last night at the La Salle Lipa Sentrum here.

Evangelista came up with 13 points in the final half while Raymundo relentlessly made his presence felt in the middle as the TJ Hotdogs clinched their seventh win in 13 games.

The TJ Hotdogs won for the second straight time following their 84-79 conquest of the Shell Turbochargers, and moved to solo fourth behind Talk 'N Text, Barangay Ginebra and Shell.

Ali Peek muscled his way to 19 points and John Arigo chipped in 14 for the Tigers, who absorbed their fourth consecutive setback and ninth loss in 14 games.

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Huskers subdue Snipers, tighten URBL finals race

CEBU CITY—Veteran Buboy Rodriguez drilled in a buzzer-beater to lift Quezon past Ilocos Sur, 96-94, yesterday as the Coco Huskers fueled their championship drive in the United Regional Basketball League (URBL) semifinals at the New Cebu City Coliseum.

The 6-foot-2 Rodriguez's heroics came after teammate Egay Echavez sank both his free throws off Mike Manigo in the last 10 seconds to freeze the count at 94-91.

In the ensuing play, Echavez intercepted an unbound by Harold Sta. Cruz and went for a quick jumper. He, however, missed his attempt.

Luckily, Rodriguez was at the right place at the right time for the rebound and fired the game-clinching basket that stalled the Snipers' outright entry into the best-of-five championship series.

The Coco Huskers notched their third win in five games and shared second place with M. Lhuillier, just a shade behind the Snipers' 4-1 record in this tournament sponsored by Lactovital and Adigay in cooperation with URBL partner hotels Castle Peak, Holiday Plaza and Mango Park.

The Jewelers regained their bearing in the final period to oust Harbour Centre-Pampanga, 80-79, in the other game.

A three-way tie for the lead could happen if M. Lhuillier beat Ilocos Sur in the 7 p.m. main encounter and if Quezon prevail over Harbour Centre-Pampanga at 5 p.m. today.

Under such case, the three teams—Ilocos

Sur, Quezon and M. Lhuillier—will wrap up the semifinal round with identical 4-2 cards and the quotient system will be applied to determine which two teams will engage in the titular showdown for the very first URBL pium.

The Snipers were actually up, 92-89, when Nino Marquez knocked in a basket to push Quezon to within 91-92 with 31 seconds left. Manigo provided the breather when he drilled in both charities off Marquez to keep Ilocos Sur up, 94-92, with 14 seconds to go.

In the ensuing play, Harold Santa Cruz missed two free throws off Larry Rodriguez as Egay Echavez came scooting down the court and exacted a foul off Manigo.

The Jewelers, drawing firepower from Bruce Dacia, Leo Bat-og, Jomer Rubi and Aldrin Ocañada, erected their biggest lead, 51-31, at halftime.

Billy Bansil presided over a searing rally that saw the Jewelers' advantage dwindle to only six, the last at 75-81 with 3:31 to play.

Marquez set a new URBL record for scoring 35 points, erasing the previous high of 27 held by teammate Arnold Booker. Rodriguez contributed 18 points.

The scores:

First game

QUEZON 96—Marquez 35, A Rodriguez 18, Tequines

16, Echavez 8, Guerrero 6, Kong 5, Tierra 4, Booker 2, I

Rodriguez 2, Ferrer 0, Tenorio 0.

ILOCOS SUR 94—Yi 20, Barbosa 16, Carda 13, D.

Mendoza 10, Manigo 7, Santa Cruz 2.

Marquez 18, 18, 48-47 75-73 96-84.

M. Lhuillier 90—Enriquez 12, Dacia 12, Rubi 11, de

Guzman 11, Bat-og 7, Ocañada 7, Smith 6, Aygo 6, I. Garcia

5, Lumanias 4, Samphio 3, Calfoneo 2, Ayng 2, Marata

2.

HARBOUR CENTRE 79—Bansil 14, A Garcia 13, Jangco

12, David 10, Marala 8, Bognol 7, Santos 7, Yambao 5,

Dizon 3, Magpayo 0.

Quarters: 28-11, 51-31 58-52, 80-79.

PBL Open, V-League elims postponed due to Yoyong

THE ALARM raised by super typhoon "Yoyong" yesterday prompted the postponement of the PBL Open Championship games at the Ateneo Gym and the Shakey's V-League's elimination at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

After classes in all levels have been suspended, both tournaments followed suit in the interest of public safety.

The PBL, has in fact, also called off games

scheduled for tomorrow at the Pasig Sports Center with the office of Commissioner Chino Trinidad to announce the new playdates later.

Sto. Tomas, meanwhile, postponed its collision with San Sebastian in the fledgling volleyball league also to a later date with the eliminations to resume as scheduled on Sunday, also at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium. Musong Castillo



Question of the Week

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NATIONAL INTER-CITIES

Mandaluyong, 4 others share early lead

TAGAYTAY CITY—National Master Rolando Nolte defeated fellow NM Andrew Vasquez in 35 moves of a Sicilian Defense-Alapin Variation to lift Mandaluyong City to a 3-1 victory over Quezon City and the second round lead in the 2004 National Inter-Cities and Municipalities Chess Team Championships Thursday at the Tagaytay Sports Center here.

Rodolfo Panopio Jr. and Merben Roque also won over QC's Julius Sinangote and Daniel Causo, on board 3 and 4, respectively, as second seeded Mandaluyong improved to 2.0 points in a tie with Muntinlupa City (Alabang), Maynila A, Maynila B and Cantilan (Surigao del Sur).

Grandmaster candidate Fernie Donguinas beat Mandaluyong's top board player International Master Idelfonso Datu in 25 moves of a Reti Opening to prevent a shutout of seventh seed Quezon City.

Mandaluyong City, whose stint here is sponsored by Mandaluyong City Mayor Neptali "Boyett" Gonzales, defeated 15th seed General Santos City in a similar 3-1 victory in the opener and is scheduled to face 5th seed Maynila B in the third round.

Powered by GM candidate Ronald Dableo and NM Darwin Laylo, Maynila B beat 12th seed Manila (Philippine Navy), 2.5-1.5.

Maynila A, led by IMs Chito Garma and Barlo Nadera, nipped 9th seed Tanauan City (Batangas), 3-1; while Muntinlupa City (Alabang) of GM Nelson Mariano II and Fide Master Oliver Dimakiling clobbered 11th seed Calamba City, 3.5-0.5.

Cantilan (Surigao del Sur), supported by Rep. Burch Pichay edged 14th seed Cavite City, 2.5-1.5. Grandmaster Rogelio "Joey" Antonio Jr. scored his second straight wins at the expense of IM-elect Emmanuel "Manny" Senador to enable Tagaytay City A to forge a 2-2 standoff with 8th seed Marikina City.

IM Richard Batoon and 11-year-old Wesley So drew with Marikina's NM Ronald Llavanes and Macapagal Pagutal, respectively, before Allan Macala pushed Marikina ahead with an upset of Jerome Balico on board 3.

Top seeded Tagaytay City A has 1.5 points, the same output of 10th seed Makati City (Primanila Plans Inc.), 3rd seed Dasmariñas (Cavite) and Marikina City.

Primanila, bankrolled by NCFP vice president and Primanila Plans Inc. chair/CEO Eduardo Madrid, and led by 1996 Philippine Junior champion NM Roberto Suelo Jr., forced a 2-2 draw with Dasmariñas (Cavite), powered by IM Petronio Roca, in the tournament supported by the Tagaytay City government headed by Mayor Abraham Tolentino. NM Marlon Bernardino

Kiddies chess registration on

ORGANIZERS of the 2004 "Rimat Ti Amihan" Kiddies Chess Championships slated Dec. 18 and 19 in the City of San Fernando are now accepting entries.

Children born after Jan. 1, 1990 and who have not participated in the World Youth Chess Championships may join the six-rounds Swiss System tournament.

La Union Gov. Victor Ortega and San Fernando City Mayor Mary Jane Ortega, are sponsoring the event organized by engineer Joseph Dumak. NM Marlon Bernardino

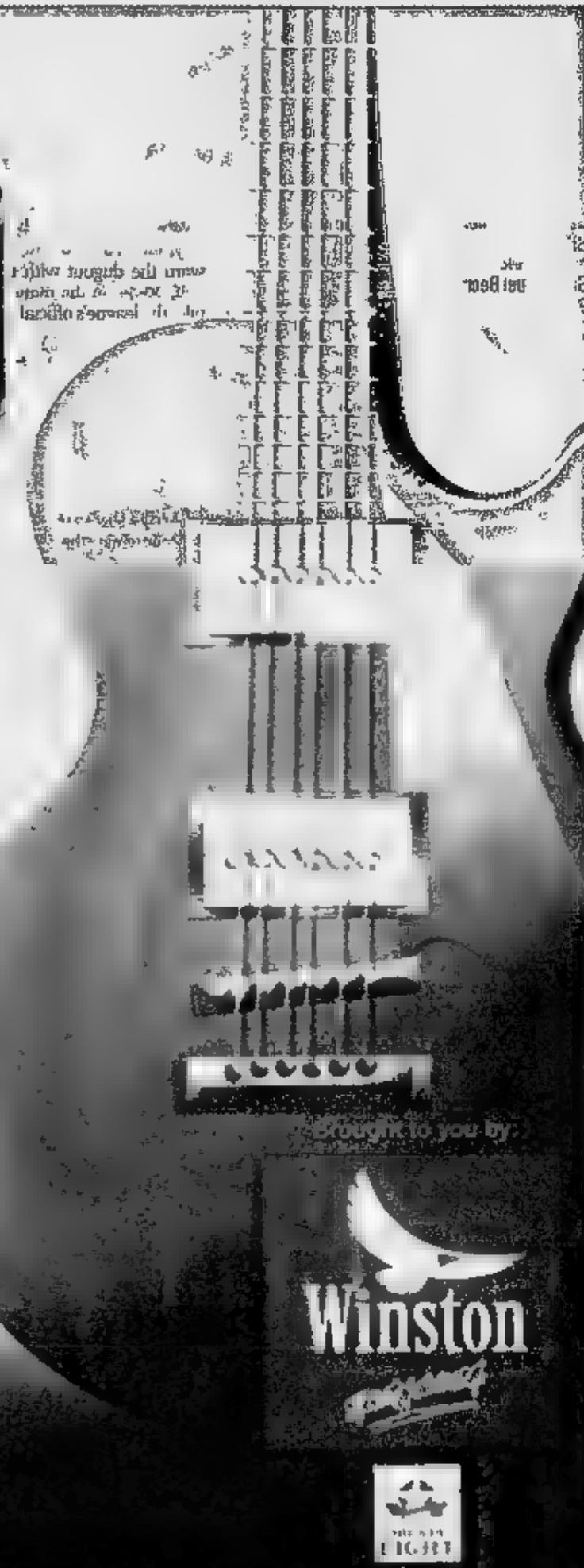


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Magic, Sonics torch foes hot Suns burn Cavs



PHOENIX Suns forward Amare Stoudemire (left) celebrates his fast break slam dunk against the Utah Jazz with teammate Quentin Richardson during the fourth quarter of the game. Stoudemire scored 29 points as the Suns beat the Jazz, 115-102.

ORLANDO, Florida—Steve Francis scored 23 points, Grant Hill added 17 and the Orlando Magic posted the NBA's highest-scoring game of the season Wednesday with a 129-108 thrashing of the Toronto Raptors.

Eight Orlando players scored in double figures as the Magic shot 57.3 percent (51-for-89) and held a rebounding advantage of 61-32. Only three players didn't make at least half their shots.

Even Cuttino Mobley, sidelined the previous nine games with a groin strain, scored 16. Dwight Howard had 15 points and a season-high 20 rebounds for his third straight double-double.

"I'm happy, but I'm not satisfied—it's too early in the season," said Howard. "I would love to get 20 rebounds in a close game, instead of a game that was out of reach for the other team."

Later Wednesday in Seattle, The Supersonics tied Orlando's scoring output in a 129-119 overtime victory over Utah.

Ray Allen scored a season-high 38 points, including nine in overtime, as the Supersonics overcame Carlos Boozer's career-high 36 points for Utah.

While the surprising Sonics improved their record to 14-3, the Jazz lost their third straight—and fifth in six games.

Best start

In Phoenix, Amare Stoudemire, Steve Nash and Quentin Richardson each scored 21 points, as Phoenix—off to its best start in 24 years—hammered Cleveland, 120-101, for its ninth consecutive win.

Joe Johnson scored 18 points and held LeBron James to 6-for-19 shooting for 15 points—11 under his average. Stoudemire scored 13 on 6-for-6 shooting in the decisive third quarter and Nash sat out the fourth while his backup Leandro Barbosa scored 13 of his 15 points.

The victory streak matched the sixth-longest in Suns' history and avenged one of Phoenix's two losses this season. The Suns' NBA-best record of 13-2 is their best start since they went 14-2 in 1980-81.



STOJAKOVIC: Crucial triple

Huge upset

In Chicago, rookies Luol Deng and Ben Gordon rescued Chicago in the fourth quarter and the Bulls held off a late charge by Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers for a huge 92-84 upset.

Deng scored nine points and Gordon eight in the fourth quarter as Chicago got just its second win in 12 games. Deng and Eddy Curry led the Bulls, returning home after a seven-game road trip, with 18 points each.

Bryant scored 28, including 14 in the final quarter, and had 10 assists. Chuckie Atkins added 19 for the Lakers.

In Boston, Paul Pierce had a brief argument with Boston coach Doc Rivers when he was lifted from the game, but returned and made a key 3-pointer that helped the Celtics nip Milwaukee, 101-100.

Pierce, who led Boston with 23 points, was lifted with just over 4 1/2 minutes to play and the Celtics holding a 92-91 lead. He returned and hit his 3-pointer on Boston's first possession, giving the Celtics a 97-93 lead with 2:40 to go.

In New York, Stephen Marbury made five 3-pointers in the second quarter to help put the Knicks ahead of Memphis for good in a 90-82 triumph.

The loss was the fifth straight for Mem-

phis, and the fourth since the unexpected resignation of coach Hubie Brown. Grizzlies were in talks with Mike B. to become their new coach, but no deal had been finalized.

Season-high

In Washington, Gilbert Arenas scored a season-high 30 points as Washington coach Eddie Jordan back to the 95-68 rout of his former team and New Jersey reeling to its sixth consecutive road loss.

Jordan, 49, was hospitalized with a blood clot in his left leg on Thanksgiving and missed two games.

In San Antonio, Tim Duncan scored 17 points, including 17 straight in the second quarter, to lead San Antonio to a 72-trashing of Philadelphia.

In New Orleans, Brad Miller's 24 points and some outside shooting by Jackson and Peja Stojakovic lifted the Hornets to a 94-81 victory that kept the Hornets winless at home.

The Hornets had a 20-point lead trimmed to nine after Lee Na'alon handed follow of a missed 3-pointer a little more than nine minutes to 23-pointers on three straight Kings possessions—two by Jackson and one by Stojakovic—made the score 83-67 at but ended any realistic chance of the Hornets (1-13) notching their first home victory in seven tries.

In Oakland, California, Sam Cassell had 26 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists, and Minnesota rallied in the quarter to beat Golden State, 107-97, its third straight victory.

Choking anniversary

Exactly seven years after he choked in Golden State coach B.J. Carroll's losing a practice with the Warriors, Larry Sprewell scored 15 points for Minnesota.

In Los Angeles, Elton Brand scored 20 points, Bobby Simmons added 20 and Los Angeles Clippers barely held off the short-handed Indiana Pacers, 88-76, for their fifth straight victory.

The Clippers have won five in a row the first time since November 1995. The time they won six straight was March 1974, when they were the Buffalo Braves.

Pacers face brawl charges

DETROIT, Michigan—At least three Indiana Pacers players who fought with fans in a brawl at a National Basketball Association game in Detroit on November 19 will face assault and battery charges, the Detroit News reported on Wednesday.

The newspaper quoted police in Auburn Hills, where the Pistons' arena is located, as saying they expect the charges to be filed against Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal, and perhaps David Harrison of the Pacers.

"Whoever was involved in fistcuffs will be charged, regardless if they were wearing a jersey," Oakland County prosecutor David Gorceyca

told the Detroit News.

The fight between players and spectators broke out late in the fourth quarter after a fan hurled a drink at Artest, who charged into the stands, followed by some of his teammates.

Artest received the longest suspension in NBA history as he was banned for the rest of the season, including playoffs, for his role as the ringleader in what amounted to a riot.

An All-Star forward, Artest is serving what amounts to a 73-game regular season suspension. It is the longest non-drug suspension in league history, surpassing the 68 games Latrell Sprewell received for choking coach B.J. Carroll in 1997.

AFP

Grounded Rockets start feeling the pressure

HOUSTON—The boos were raining down, and a group of fans started a "Fire Gundy" chant that got louder with each second.

Houston Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy gave a grim-faced nod to the fans calling for his ouster, then turned his attention back to his team's miserable performance.

It's been rough so far this season for a team that was supposed to be a top team thanks to an offseason trade for reigning NBA scoring champion Tracy McGrady. But McGrady and Yao Ming haven't clicked right away, and the Rockets are 6-10—their worst start since 1999-00.

"It starts with me," Van Gundy said Tuesday after the Rockets lost 93-72 to Detroit. "I'm going to get a group that looks like they really want to play. I just haven't provided that this year, and for that, I'm very apologetic to our fans."

Houston has lost four straight games overall, and five in a row at home. The Rockets have struggled to find rhythm on offense, made costly defensive breakdowns late in games, and have been consistently outthrust.

It's the league's oldest and most experienced team, yet one that too often looks feeble, slow and unathletic.

After the team's worst loss of the season Tuesday, many of the veterans in Houston's locker room wondered aloud if their problems went deeper than the obvious physical ones.

"We haven't found a direction," Yao said. "I just think we're very fragile."

McGrady came to Houston believing he and

Yao could form an inside-outside combination that could replace Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant as the dominant duo in the NBA. Turns out, McGrady might be no closer to the crown with the Rockets than he was in Orlando.

"It's pretty tough for me, because I did go through a pretty bad situation last year," McGrady said. "To come here I thought it was going to be a start of a new beginning. Right now this is rough, because I really didn't expect for me to go through this."

Back in Orlando, former Rockets Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley have contributed to the Magic's surprising 8-5 start. Last season, Orlando didn't get its eighth victory until late December.

Francis is averaging 20.4 points, seven rebounds, 6.2 assists and 1.3 steals a game. McGrady is averaging 20.2 points, five rebounds, 5.4 assists and one steal.

"They made a trade and put me with Yao, and everyone thought we would do well," McGrady said. "At the same time, it's tough to come into a different system and have to change your game. Right now, it's just tough for me."

The Rockets have gotten little from the other three players who came in the trade: forward Juwan Howard hasn't left the bench in the past two games, Tyrone Lue is the backup point guard, and second-year guard Reece Gaines has been on the injured list since the start of the season.

"We're just out of sync," Van Gundy said. "We're not playing with any effort at all."

AP

Klitschkos fight for democracy

LAS VEGAS—Vitali Klitschko begins his day an hour earlier than usual, waking at 6 a.m. so he can have some time before training for his heavyweight title defense against Danny Williams.

That's when he gets on the phone with friends and family in Ukraine, getting the latest news on the country's presidential crisis just as the sun begins to come up in Los Angeles.

One of the biggest fights of his career is less than two weeks away, but Klitschko is just as concerned over the fight for democracy in the country where he was born.

"We're Ukrainian citizens, and what happens is very close to us," Klitschko said. "I'm keeping focus for training and the fight, but

it is also important what is happening in my country."

Klitschko and his brother, Wladimir, have been prominent figures in the protests that have paralyzed Ukraine since pro-Western candidate Viktor Yushchenko was declared the loser in an election many suspect was fraudulent.

They've made videos in support of democracy, and Wladimir spent four days last week in Ukraine among the protesters in the street. All the while, Vitali is getting ready to defend his WBC heavyweight title on Dec. 11 against Williams.

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The US Davis Cup team puts up a united front as they get ready to face Spain in the final. From left to right are Vince Spadea, Captain Patrick McEnroe, Mike Bryan, Bob Bryan, Mardy Fish and Andy Roddick. The finals will be played in Seville, Spain, where the host team has laid out the slowest clay court surface.

Estes takes helm of Australian PGA

SYDNEY—American Bob Estes shot a record-equaling nine-under-par 63 to lead the first round of the Australian PGA championship on Thursday.

Estes, 38, sank nine birdies in a flawless opening round at Cooloom on the Queensland Sunshine Coast to finish the opening day a single shot clear of the field.

Craig Spence, the 1999 Australian Masters champion, returned to form with a 64, including an eagle at the par-five fourth hole, to hold outright second.

A group of seven players, including American Corey Pavin,

Padraig up in HK

HONG KONG—Defending champion Padraig Harrington and his Ryder Cup teammates Miguel Angel Jimenez and David Howell took the early lead in the Hong Kong Open with first rounds of 65 on Thursday.

Ireland's Harrington shot an error-free round as he began his title defense in style, and Briton Howell matched him with five birdies as the jointly-sanctioned European and Asian Tour event started in perfect conditions.

"I'm very pleased with this start but there is a lot of work remaining to be done," Harrington,

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Indiana	8	5	.615	1/2
Chicago	7	5	.583	1
Atlanta	3	10	.231	5 1/2
Charlotte	2	12	.143	7
Detroit	1	10	.091	8
Western Division				
San Antonio	10	4	.714	-
Portland	9	5	.643	-
Utah	7	7	.500	3
Phoenix	4	8	.333	5
Los Angeles	1	10	.091	7 1/2
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San Antonio	12	3	.800	-
Denver	10	6	.625	2 1/2
Utah	6	10	.375	6 1/2
Phoenix	5	10	.333	7
Portland	1	12	.077	10
Central Division				
San Antonio	13	3	.813	-
San Jose	8	5	.615	3 1/2
Portland	8	7	.571	4
Phoenix	8	8	.571	4
San Jose	8	6	.571	4
Pacific Division				
Los Angeles	12	2	.857	-
Memphis	9	5	.643	3
Golden State	9	6	.600	3 1/2
San Diego	9	6	.600	3 1/2
Golden State	3	10	.231	8 1/2

Democracy too

Wladimir and Vitali have taken leading role in recent months speaking out on the need for Ukraine to have democracy and free press.

Last week, Yushchenko called for a vote to thank him for his support, while Wladimir spoke on the need to urge protesters on.

"Our father was communist, and grew up with the old Soviet Union ideology," Vitali said.

"I was brainwashing all the time. Right now I spend a lot of time in the West and I can see between West and East. I wish go the democratic way." AP

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Defending titlists draw NCR; Cebu, Davao win

DEFENDING champion Iloilo and the De La Salle University-powered National Capital Region squad raised their rivalry a notch higher after literally fighting to a scoreless draw in the PFF-Adidas National Under-19 youth championships at the University of San Carlos Technological Center.

Six yellow cards were flashed during the match with Iloilo bearing most of the brunt after Ruben Doctora and Relan Bretaña were seen off the pitch after collecting a second yellow each. Both players will miss today's big game against Davao.

Also given yellow cards from Iloilo were Robert Lescro and Jhevan Calvo, while NCR's Rino Llores and Sean Grayson were assessed one each.

The blow on the NCR squad, though, will be softened as reinforcements flew in yesterday to join the team today.

Meanwhile, Cebu City bounced back from a sloppy opening day performance and survived Dipolog City, 2-1, bolstering its chances to enter the semifinal round.

Cebu International School's Michael Sharpe cut through in the 80th minute to break a deadlock the Cebuano forced with striker Junard Aguilar's 72nd minute equalizer.

Vonn Gumela earlier put a lot of pressure on the hosts, converting a pass from Reggie Dukes against Cebu goalie Dominic Gallego for a 1-0 Dipolog lead.

Cebu now is second to Davao, which hiked its record to 2-0 after drubbing Baguio City, 7-0.

In the other game, Davao City came up with a sterling performance after blanking Baguio City, 7-0, as Israel Golocan banged in two successive goals in the 23rd and 26th minutes.

Marian Baring/Cebu Daily News



HOST Cebu needed a lot of grit to battle back from an early deficit and make up for a lackluster opening game in the Adidas Under-19 football championship at the University of San Carlos Technological Center.

BAP wants more help from PBA

THE BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines yesterday sought the support of the Philippine Basketball Association for its other programs after going through the motions of approving the memorandum of agreement drafted by the pro league.

President Tiny Literal and secretary-general Graham Lim signed the MOA draft in behalf of the BAP board yesterday.

The MOA now goes back to the PBA Board of Governors for final approval.

"Everything went smoothly except for some minor corrections on the PBA's developmental subsidy for the BAR Aside from the women's team, they want to give the PBA a leeway in supporting the other programs of the BAP too," said PBA Commissioner Nol Eala.

The developmental subsidy has a fixed rate, which the PBA



EALA: Everything went smoothly.

and the BAP have yet to agree on.

Once the PBA board agrees to the major revision during its regular board meeting on Monday, it will authorize Eala to sign the MOA with BAP officials.

Under the MOA, the PBA will take care of organizing, funding and field-

ing the country's national quintet to the 2005 Asian Basketball Confederation in Doha and the 2007 ABC in a bid to return to the world championship and the Olympic Games.

The PBA will also help prepare teams in other international tournaments except the Asian Games campaign, which has been given to longtime BAP backer Cebuana Lhuillier.

Besides the MOA and a couple of administrative issues, the PBA board will also tackle the issue of foreign-born players, specifically the tenure and status of those already playing in the professional league.

June Navarro

GTK confirmed project director for ABC hosting bid

THE EMBATTLED Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) has given Go Teng Kok an additional assignment aside from being officially named project director in the country's bid to host the 2007 Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) championship.

Go was also invited to be a special adviser to the BAP executive board to enhance the association's hopes of making a comeback in the international scene.

"We need somebody with the expertise, the clout and more importantly, the dedication to re-

ally serve RP sports. Mr. Go has these qualities so the BAP chose him as the project director of our ABC hosting bid and offered him to be the special adviser to the BAP executive board," said BAP secretary-general Graham Lim.

Lim is under fire lately for fielding the Philippine College of Criminology team as RP bet in the first Fiba-Asia Stankovic Cup in Taipei recently. The PCCr cagers were humbled no end and finished dead last in the tournament.

Go is currently president of the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association (PATAFA) and

the National Chess Federation of the Philippines (NCFP).

"We know he already has two major NSAs to lead, but everybody who knows GTK for a long time is aware the man best performs under pressure. We believe he will deliver and he's more than welcome to lend us his wisdom and leadership," added Lim.

Go is no stranger to basketball, which he crashed through the family-owned Goyu and Sons' involvement in the Filipino-Chinese league before helping the country win the silver medal

in the 1990 Beijing Asian Games as the team manager.

"I am deeply humbled by these offers, but I readily accept because I love challenges. Athletics, through the years, has infused itself into my blood. Chess has been one of my great loves in sports. And basketball has always been a favorite of mine."

Go is also seriously considering the revival of the once prestigious Filipino-Chinese basketball league that produced some of the finest players in the amateur league, the PBL and the PBA.



GO: Project head

Boycott of races a step in the wrong direction

THE BOYCOTT of the races at the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite, will do more harm than good for the sport of horse racing in the country. In my opinion, the action taken by a disgruntled group of horse owners opposing the anti-EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia) campaign of the Philippine Racing Commission is a step in the wrong direction.

Even the bayang karerista did not support the boycott move. In fact, the boycott was hardly felt because the races were held as originally scheduled and off-track betting sales went on briskly, particularly on Tuesday and Wednesday. On the other hand, the Santa Ana Park, one of only two racing clubs in the country, even achieved a record gross sales of P185 million during last Sunday's 9th San Miguel Beer-Marho Breeders' Cup, enough proof that the boycott threat had little effect on the confidence of the racing public during the six-day races.

The boycott fell flat chiefly because it was not supported by all those directly concerned with the sport and the major players in the industry, including the country's leading racing organizations such as the Marho (Metropolitan Association of Race Horse Owners), Philtobo (Philippine Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Organization) and Klub Don Juan de Manila.

The boycott was staged by a group led by William Dagan, Tos Reyes and Narciso Morales, who opposed the anti-EIA testing campaign spearheaded by Philracom chair Jaime Dilag.

"We must address the EIA problem," said Mandaluyong Rep. Benhur Abalos, a noted horse owner who chairs the House committee on appropriations for the Philracom, Games and Amusements Board and the Philippine Sports Commission. "If we don't address the EIA problem, the local racing industry will suffer."

Another horse owner, Marho president and sports patron Aristeo "Putch" Puyat, said, "Philracom did the right thing in conducting EIA tests on our horses. EIA is very contagious and could wipe out the whole industry if not stopped immediately. It is deadly just like AIDS." Puyat added the Philracom did not order the EIA-infected horses destroyed but the ailing horses were banned from racing by the club owners themselves to prevent the virus from spreading.

CLEAN LIVING



Manolo R. Inigo

Popular horse owner Hermie Esguerra is also behind the program. It was reported he had ordered four of his infected horses destroyed.

Several other lawmakers, who are also horse owners-breeders, are supporting the Philracom campaign, saying the anti-EIA testing is vital to the development of the local horse racing industry.

Rep. Luis "Baby" Asistio said, "The Philracom campaign against EIA is very timely. We must act now before it's too late."

Only a few years ago, Philippine horse racing was virtually wiped out by the Strangles epidemic. This infectious disease led to a temporary suspension of the races at both the Santa Ana and San Lazaro ovals, something which all well-meaning sports fans wouldn't want to ever happen again.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT Multi-titled national shooter Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla deserves a pat on the back for winning the center fire pistol event of the National Open Championship despite a long layoff.

"Tac is the most dedicated athlete I ever saw," said an avid supporter. "He is a perfectly balanced shooter, who is equipped with all the requisite gifts: God-given skills, a supportive family and unmatched passion for the sport. Tac spends his own money and holds regular practice round at the family-owned target range in Malabon to prepare for a tournament. No wonder he's phenomenal as a shooter."

The youthful general manager of Spring Cooking Oil and son of Olympian Tom Ong also topped two weeks ago the rapid fire event of the national shootfest, which is being held in preparation for the 2005 SEA Games. Besides Padilla, the other winners of the qualifying series were Carolino Gonzales, Susan Aguado, Army's Eric Guinling and Joel Mariano.



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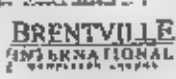
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Spain opts for teen spirit, junks Ferrero for Nadal

SEVILLE, Spain—Spain opted for teen spirit on Thursday in plumping for 18-year-old Rafael Nadal in place of Juan Carlos Ferrero for Friday's opening singles in the Davis Cup final against the United States.

Former French Open champion Ferrero has been struggling with a series of injuries which had culminated in him missing the last six weeks of the season and he had said that he only felt around 85 percent fit in the days

leading up to the final draw.

He added he would step aside if he did not feel he could give his best as Spain look to land only their second title.

Ironically, Ferrero himself came in for Alex Corretja four years ago and helped Spain break their Davis duck against Australia in an emotional final in Barcelona.

Carlos Moya, Spain's other former French Open title-winner, will open the encounter on Friday against US number

two player Mardy Fish before Nadal gets to go toe to toe with US world number two Andy Roddick.

With the trophy match being held on slow Spanish clay and in front of a fanatical 26,000 crowd, the hosts start as favorites to land the cup and deny their visitors a 32nd 'salad bowl.'

US hopes of a first title since 1995 are pinned on the shoulders of Roddick, who has four singles titles this season but no Grand

Slam.

The 22-year-old from Nebraska, 74-16 for the season coming here, bagged titles in Indianapolis, Queen's, Miami and San Jose, while he made the Wimbledon final and ended the season second in the rankings behind all-conquering Swiss Roger Federer.

But the 2003 US Open champion comes to southern Spain knowing that his 1,017 Tour aces may count for little on the clay where he rarely shines.



AP FERRERO

Southwoods golfers virtual Fil Am titlists

BAGUIO CITY—Manila Southwoods, although submitting its first sub-100 performance in three days playing under typhoon signal No. 3, virtually won the Fil division crown of the inaugural seniors division of the 55th Fil-Am Golf Invitational tournament Thursday.

Southwoods scored 97 points after earlier aggregates of 108 and 109 and stormed beyond recall with a 37-point lead over National Bureau of Investigation and 39 over Orchard.

Florencia de los Santos paced Southwoods 26 points, Jim Belicena contributed 25 and Ed Cataquis and Ben Borja added 23 each as the Carmona, Cavite-based squad totalled 314 after three rounds.

NBI scored 277 points while Orchard Seniors trailed with 275.

Camp Aguinaldo retained its lead over the surging Syndicate Seniors and Aloha Golf Club in the championship flight of the Am division.

Aguinaldo had 76 points in the third round for a total of 248. Syndicate was just 10 points behind at 238 after an 88 for the day while Aloha held third at 237.

Anthony de Leon, Baguio Country Club general manager and tournament co-chair, said they would continue with the tournament despite the impending bad weather. This city and the rest of Northern Luzon had been placed under typhoon signal No. 3.

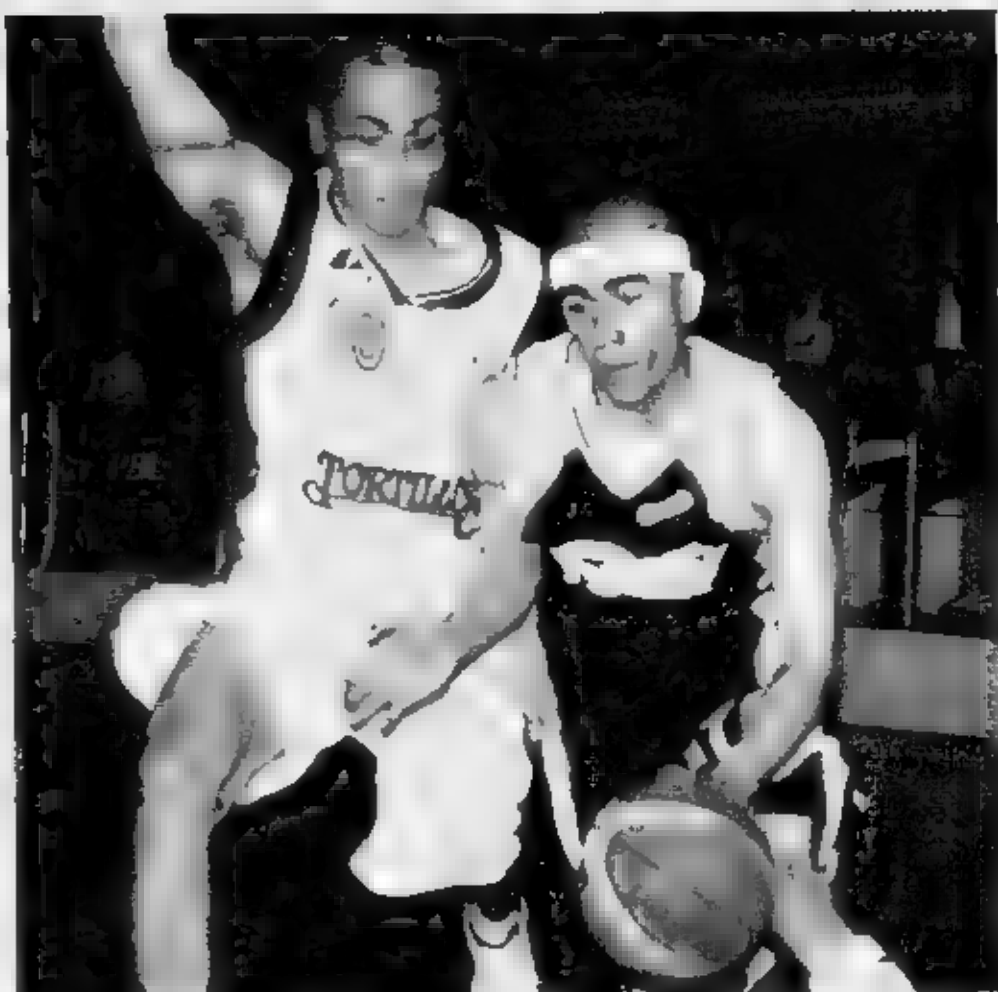
"It is still a green light. We have no strong winds and it is signal No. 3," said De Leon.

At the same time, he and co-chair Bong Viches of Camp John Hay announced the organizing committee is initiating a modest "campaign to raise funds for the typhoon victims down south."

BCC and Camp John Hay host the tournament, the biggest of its kind in Asia with more than 1,000 participants.

Windy City Golf Club's Ed Henson also grabbed the spotlight by scoring a hole-in-one at BCC's 166-yard 18th hole in the company of Pat Roman of JJ Golf Club and Tags de Leon of Team Victory.

The Chicago-based architect scored the third ace in the tournament with a Callaway 8 iron and a Tideset 2 ball. The other aces were



MARK Cardona (right) of ICTSI-La Salle drives against Ardy Larong of Granny Goose during their PBL game won by the Green Archers.

RUDY ESPERAS

Larry Stover of Seoul Survivors at BCC's No. 1 and Ted Tanag of Jewel of the East at CJH's No. 6.

Syndicate's Federico Eslao led the championship flight's individual scoring with 90 points but Baguio Councilor Federico Mandapac Jr. paced the overall scoring derby with 92 points.

Mandapac's Camp John Hay team in the Fil A division also had the title in the bag with the highest three-day total of 340 points.

Riviera Mizuno was a far second with 278 points, followed by Aguinaldo with 247.

In the Am Flight A, CJH also led with 274 points. Guam-based Chamorro Golf Club, which was feted Wednesday night by the city for being selected as the Lucky Foreign Visitors, only managed 65 points for a total of 227. Capitol Hill Seniors was third with 223 points, followed by Riviera Mizuno with 215.

Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau



HINGIS: Back after two years of retirement.

Hingis returns in Volvo Open

BANGKOK—Former world tennis number one Martina Hingis, who was forced to quit the game at just 22 with a foot injury, will play her first tournament in more than two years next month in Thailand, organizers said Thursday.

Hingis was given a wildcard berth to the Volvo Women's Open, which starts in the coastal resort of Pattaya from January 29, and will be seeking her 77th WTA Tour title.

Organizers said her return was linked to a "charity initiative." "I hope to raise awareness of the support needed for those who are less fortunate and living in impoverished conditions in Thailand and around the world," Hingis was quoted as saying in a statement.

Hingis dominated the tour

from 1997 to 2000, reaching third in the all-time career prize money list before bowing out of the game after surgery on both ankles.

She did not indicate if picking up the racquet in Pattaya was a one-off but has said previously it would require a "medical miracle" to make a comeback.

In June, the five-time Grand Slam winner said she would love to play Wimbledon again but admitted that the tough physical conditions of the game were making it harder for her to consider competing at the top level.

Hingis, who at 16 years and six months became the youngest-ever player to be crowned number one, has been developing a television commentary career. She last played a tournament in Germany in October 2002.

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SPORTSWATCH

Junior Doves soar to fifth straight win

ST FRANCIS of Assisi College Systems-Bayanan continued its assault in the 5th Southern Luzon Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SLCUAA) basketball tournament as its men's and boys' teams pulled off masterful wins at the Brent International School in Mamplesan, Laguna. The Junior Doves soared to their fifth straight win in as many outings with a 68-33 demolition of Brent, which suffered its third loss in a row. The St. Francis men's team routed Brent, 68-52 for their second straight in four games. The Colegio San Agustin belles, on the other hand, squeaked past Brent, 54-50, for their second straight victory in this 11-member league featuring the top schools of Southern Luzon. Brent's women's team shocked erstwhile pacesetter La Salle-Health and Sciences Campus, 75-42, to score its third straight triumph.

Gov. Garcia Airsoft Open unfolds

ALL marksmen's roads lead to Dumanjug, Cebu, this Saturday when the Governor Gwan Garcia Cup Airsoft Open comes off the wraps. Event coordinator Paulo Garcia said the event will serve as the launching of the Governor's Cup, which is the first of five that is going to be held all over Cebu province. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to the top three winners of this event, which is supported by MLhu, LLC, GGC Services Inc., Smart Communications, Damcor, Philco, Isl and Stream. Teams slated to see action are ASG 1, ASG2, T-1, Trident Knights, ABAF, NS Wings, YawGoy1, YawGoy2 and Team Rambo.

Salvon Legunzang, contributor

Cavite 7-cock grand championship

THE GRAND championship of the Cavite 7-Cock International Derby, the 14th anniversary offering of Cavite Coliseum and Derby Center, unfolds today with more than 80 fights beginning at 5 p.m. A silver cup and a guaranteed prize of P2 million await the champion. After two days of intense battle, the entries of Jun Topacio of Cavite (JT Emerald) and Mayor Nene Aguilar (LCC) remained unbeaten with four wins each, and are the top favorites to win the title. Topacio will again field his prized lemon roundheads from Mindanao while Aguilar will rely on Lancelo de la Torre's roundheads. Ready to challenge them are other front-running entries like SPC Jade Resort of Arman Santos, SRE4CD of Sen. Ramon Revilla, Slate Pares of Ronald Singson, NB Babukai of Boyet Legazpi and Nardling Balota, Samantha of Boy Roys and Poi Estrellado, Lexus of Romy Manalansan, Paniqui Dec. 19 of Babot Roxas and King Edward of Edward de Luna. Meanwhile, coliseum manager Roger del Rosario advised paying patrons to keep their ticket stubs for the raffle draw. For inquiries, contact 0918-5674921, (046) 870-9971 and (046) 9704810 (look for Ferdie Bautista).



THRILLING FUN: Kart Trak, inside the Boom na Boom carnival complex at the corner of Roxas Boulevard and Gil Puyat Avenue, Pasay City, is the most preferred karting circuit in Metro Manila today for both amateur and professional karters.

Formula 1 racing comes to Shanghai

LONDON—Formula One, modern sport's most blatant example of conspicuous consumption and global capitalism, has come to Shanghai and the land of the push-bike.

So has the European PGA tour, belying its name by moving steadily east. Next year it will be the turn of tennis and the season-ending Masters Cup.

More bizarrely, the Shanghai International Sides, an abbreviated form of cricket, has arrived in China's largest city. The latest edition featured former West Indies captain Viv Richards, one of Wisden Almanac's five cricketers of the 20th century. Seedy, glamorous, crowded and unashamedly wedded to trade

and profit, Shanghai was imperial Britain's gateway to the east and centre of the opium trade.

Appropriately it was a Briton with the vision and audacity of his enterprising forebears, who travelled to all parts of the globe to make vast fortunes by sometimes dubious methods, who brought motor racing to China.

Bernie Ecclestone controls Formula One. For some time he has been looking to extend the parameters of the sports beyond its European base. Shanghai and Ecclestone were made for each other.

"There are 1.3 billion people in China

and we currently have a television viewership in Shanghai and Beijing alone which exceeds the total viewership in the whole of Europe," Ecclestone told The Guardian newspaper.

Shanghai paid at least \$325 million for the right to host the Grand Prix and constructed a futuristic circuit designed by German Hermann Tilke on a marsh 30 kms west of the city. The track, designed to represent the Chinese character "Shang", features two long straights and a series of loops and sharp curves and 200,000 spectators can be accommodated under a wing-shaped roof.

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77 days

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza



Unknown to many, Peter Rey is the son of Rey, who is now president of the University of Baguio but who is known to Manila's sportswriters as the brother of Des, the jolly chess supporter and keen poker mate of Florencio Campomanes, Taby Tabaniag, Roger Flores, Jake Ayson and Art Padua of the famed Rose Bowl Restaurant in Baguio.

The lighting of the Christmas tree, Anthony de Leon's brainchild that began in 1993, came on the eve of the 55th Fil-Am Golf Invitational at the Baguio Country Club.

"This year, the occasion is connected to the centennial celebration next year of our club," said Anthony, who had to dispatch at least 30 people once more to erect the Christmas tree that took two weeks to build. "This idea was inspired by the giant Christmas tree that the Araneta Center would always put up in Cubao during the Christmas holidays."

It used to be that the BCC Choir, composed of BCC employees, did the singing of Christmas carols during the lighting of the BCC Christmas tree. But pressure of work eventually led to the disbandment of the choir.

This year, the University of Baguio Choir

sang the carols while the St. Louis University Dance Troupe did the interpretative dances during the lighting of BCC's Christmas tree.

The centennial fever is such that this year, in the Fil-Am's 55th edition, golfers 55 and above had their inaugural tournament—with the champions to be crowned tonight. Already an established national event that, at one time, got entered into the Guinness Book of Records as the world's biggest golf championship in terms of attendance (almost 800 play regularly in the event), the Fil-Am has been extended to two weeks this year so the nation's senior golfers can have a tournament of their own.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, the Men's Regular event of the Fil-Am will blast off at both Baguio Country Club and Camp John Hay, with Mizuno DHL defending the premiere Fil crown and Southwoods its Am title during the six-day tournament ending Dec. 12. Like Anthony at BCC, Bong Viches, the Camp John Hay general manager, has prepared CJH to rip-ro shape.

Meanwhile, today is 77 days to the day the BCC is to celebrate its 100th anniversary on Feb. 18, 2005. The event, Anthony de Leon said, would have GMA as guest of honor. At 9 p.m. that day, the nation's top crooner, Martin Nievera, will perform on a makeshift stage to be mounted in front of the common greens of No. 1 and No. 18. The show—get this—is for free.

"Our humble way of showing our gratitude to the members, friends and supporters of the Baguio Country Club," said Anthony.

If that's not a class act, what is?

SPORTS

2005 Asian Tour includes Brunei, but skips Philippines

HONG KONG—The first half of the 2005 Asian Tour Schedule will include ground-breaking stops in Brunei and Qatar plus a new \$1.25-million event in China, its chief executive Louis Martin said Thursday.

He announced a 14-event schedule for the first six months of 2005 with total prize money of \$11.5 million.

The rapid development of golf in China is underlined with the establishment of the

inaugural CGA Championship from June 2 to 5 in Beijing.

Brunei's first national Open will be staged in Bandar Seri Begawan from June 30 to July 3. The Okinawa Open, jointly

sanctioned with the Japan Golf Tour Organization, will tee off the new season at Naha later in December.

The Qatar Masters will also join the Asian Tour Schedule for the first time next

March. Established in 1998 as a European Tour event, the organizers have invited the Asian Tour to co-sanction the tournament in view of the upcoming Asian Games which Doha will host in 2006. **AFP**

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Bacolod prepares musical SEAG rite

By Marc Anthony Reyes

A "VERY show biz" opening ceremony is being planned by Bacolod City, which will stage five regular events of the 2005 Southeast Asian Games.

"It is going to be a musical opening ceremony," according to Rep. Monica Puentevela of the rites that will be held at the Paraad Sports Stadium where stars of the entertainment world will be invited to perform.

"I'm sure our artists will be willing to render their services for the country."

Puentevela, the weightlifting head and incoming Philippine Olympic Committee first vice president, is spearheading the preparation by local organizers to host men's football, beach volleyball, volleyball, boxing and weightlifting.

A former Tawag ng Tanghalan national champion, Puentevela said Bacolod will use the musical theme in contrast with the fiesta and cultural opening shows planned by other sites like Cebu City and Metro Manila.

Cebu City will kick off its preparation in February with the Sinulog Festival, while Metro Manila plans to stage the opening ceremony at the Rizal Park with a cultural presentation.

"Music will be our theme," Puentevela said, adding that they would showcase the Filipinos' world-class musical talent by following the example of the Barcelona Olympics in 1992.

Puentevela, who is also a member of the Philippine SEAG Organizing Committee, likewise defended Bacolod's proposed P50 million budget.

He said men's football—the most popular sport among the SEA countries—deserves to have a scoreboard and lighting system, which Paraad currently does not have.

"We will not spend unnecessarily," said Puentevela. "But we will need to renovate the stadium to accommodate the big crowd for men's football, which is the most popular event in the province and in Southeast Asia."

He added that the projected tourism income for Bacolod and Cebu City more than justifies their budgets because fans from Visayas and Mindanao won't go to Manila anymore to witness the Nov. 27-Dec. 5 Games.



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Marissa Delgado, ex-Playboy model, thriving businesswoman

By Nini Valera

THE SEXY actress **YESTERDAY** who once posed naked for Playboy Magazine is now a heavy-weight businesswoman and grandmother to two children aged 12 and 6.

Marissa Delgado has been running her MarDel International Management Services for 19 years, keeping the business one of the most reputable recruitment agencies in the country today.

"It took a lot of hard work," said the actress in Filipino. "It's still hard work. But nothing comes easy. You have to put your best into it. I wanted it, so I shouldn't complain. I find fulfillment in fulfilling other people's dreams."

Like the talents she sends abroad, Delgado once had her dreams.

"I was a little girl when I first dreamed of becoming an actress," Delgado recalled. "I was 11 when my grandmother who had raised me asked (the late great designer) Ramon Valera to put me in the movies through his connections with the film studios. He and my grandmother played mahjong often. But they both decided I was still too young then. They told me to wait until I turned 15."

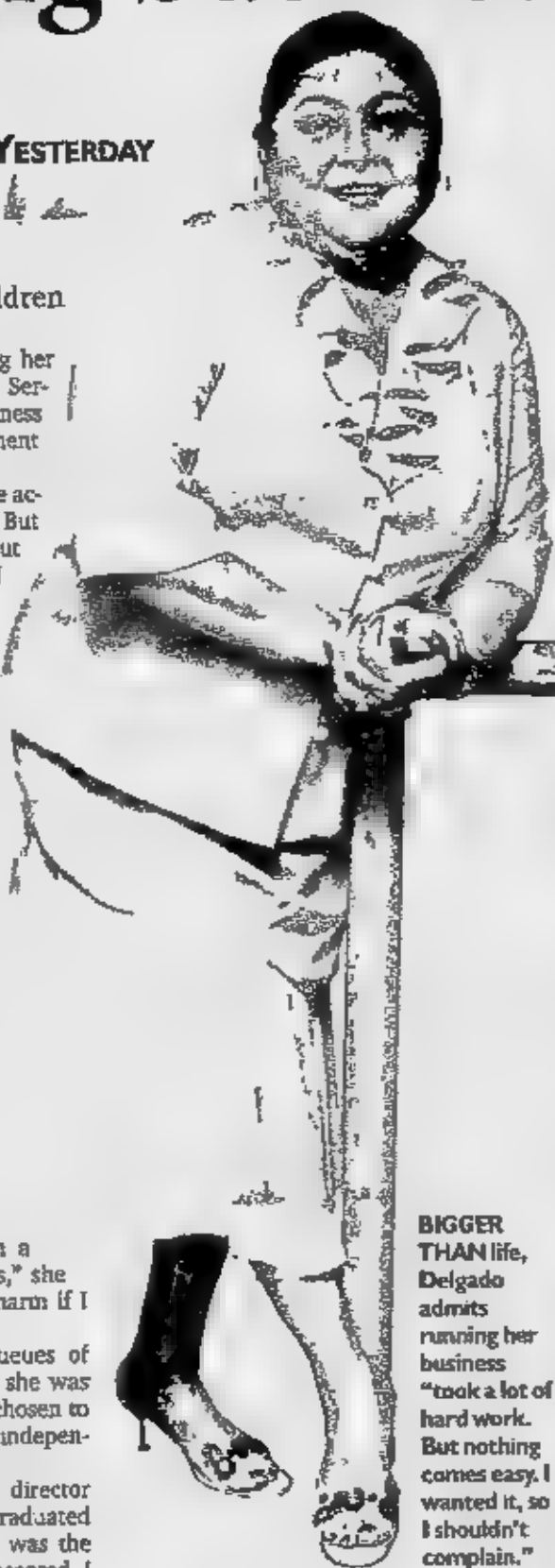
A break in movies

Two years after she turned 15 and a year after she finished high school at the University of the East, Delgado auditioned for a movie role.

"My grandfather read this ad in a newspaper looking for fresh talents," she narrated. "I thought there was no harm if I tried. So I showed up to audition."

Delgado remembers the long queues of hopeful wannabes. But in the end, she was one of three girls who were finally chosen to be given a break in the movies by an independent film producer, GM Productions.

"I auditioned before (the late) director Artemio Marquez the day after I graduated from high school," she said. "That was the start. Among the three who were accepted, I was the only one who stayed on."



BIGGER THAN life, Delgado admits running her business "took a lot of hard work. But nothing comes easy. I wanted it, so I shouldn't complain."

Her first movie, "Dalawang Kumander sa WAC," starred Dolphy and Chiquito. She played a member of the women's auxiliary corps. She remembers receiving about P3,000 for her role, which she shot for several weeks.

"It took so long to shoot because we had so many locations," she said. "It was supposed to be a war movie. But it didn't matter to me how much I was paid. I just wanted to be in the movies, and I was finally acting."

Kissing and bikinis

A string of supporting roles followed, with other stars like Lucita Soriano—who was then a top-biller—recommending the young Delgado to other movie producers. A freelance actress, Delgado did not have any build-up contract with any major movie outfit. She also did not have a manager to guide her career and direct her show biz path. She relied mostly on word-of-mouth recommendations by the actors and actresses she worked with.

"I played mostly supporting roles," she said. "Or I was the *contravida*. When James Bond movies like those made by Tony Ferrer became the fad, I would play one of the leading ladies."

Known for sexy roles that required her to kiss her partners and wear a modest bikini, Delgado became a reluctant screen vamp.

"In those days, just showing your navel would get you excommunicated," she said. "But I still wore bikinis even if it took me a long time to begin wearing them. I kept on thinking about how my grandmother would think if she saw me, how my aunt would feel about my wearing them."

"But I'm an actress, and my roles called for wearing them. So I went sexy and I have no regrets about it."

In 1968, a team from Playboy asked Delgado to pose naked for the American magazine.

"I agreed to pose for them, but not naked," she said. "They paid me in dollars. I still have



BODY BEAUTIFUL in the '60s. "I dreamed of becoming an actress."

"I keep that (Playboy) magazine in my vault now. I am not yet ready to show it to my grandkids"

the issue of that magazine with my picture in it. It showed me naked only from the back and just my back. I keep that magazine in my vault now. I am not yet ready to show it to my grandchildren."

No Virgin Mary

Delgado also had her share of leading lady roles. These were for movies which starred Ramon Revilla Sr., like "Vergado" and "Pepeng Koryente." She was also leading lady to Joseph Estrada in the movie "Agila at Araw."

"I was not really leading lady material," she laughed.

Even in the *cenaculo* staged at the Opera House and Glover Theater, where movie stars like Delgado performed in the '60s, the actress played the part of Mary Magdalene and never the Virgin Mary.

"I don't think I look like a Virgin Mary," she said.

But it was an honorable profession which helped Delgado support her grandfather, sin-

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Of her first partner, the father of her son Kevin, a former actor, and daughter Avon, a former Bb. Pilipinas beauty queen, Delgado spoke vaguely, without revealing the man's identity and details of what had gone wrong in their union.

"He is a businessman and we're still friends," she said. "After we separated, I had to work harder. We split because I couldn't understand his lifestyle. I guess I was then too young to understand it. But now that I'm older, I could have acted differently."

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gle mother, and eventually her two children after she and her husband separated after 11 years and 9 months. It even won her a Famas award for her performance in "Umyak Pati Langit," which starred Helen Gamboa in 1969.

"I never chose the roles I played," she admitted. "If a role were offered to me, I would grab it immediately. I was the family's breadwinner. When my *lola* died after a lingering illness, we were broke. I had to work hard. Even if I wanted to go to college, I couldn't go back to school. My mother could not support her children. She was a single mom. She now lives in the U.S."

Delgado's father was an American who was in the Navy. She met him for the first time when she was already 23. But Delgado was with him when he died in his home in Los Angeles, California at the age of 91.

"I got from my father my mestiza looks," she said. "But I inherited from my mom my high cheekbones."

Her parents eventually separated, with her father returning to the US, and her mother teaming up with another man with whom she had four more children. Delgado refused to reveal her parents' names, saying she had

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FROM HONORABLE profession to reputable business, Delgado says, "I still have dreams."

RYAN LIM

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tween us. I had a lot of fears then. But both my children understand my life."

She found contentment in hard work after the death of her grandmother, whom she said had given her a good life.

"I had to work hard then to support my family and my extended family," Delgado said. "Okay lang. I love them and I didn't mind. I did not want to be idle. I even had a small business on the side while doing movies."

She sold whatever clothes and fashion accessories were in vogue to her fellow movie stars, like Faded Glory jeans.

"I sold perfumes, all kinds of goods," she said. "My colleagues joked about my car being a rolling store. It was a good sideline. The stars always bought in bulk."

She said she even sold Loyola Memorial life plans at the time the product was still being introduced and no one had a concept of what it was.

"I was probably one of the first people who sold life plans," she said. "It was hard selling life plans then, but I was still able to sell a few."

A house in Alabang

At the peak of her movie career, Delgado made 15 movies a year. She considers her role in the late director Lino Brocka's landmark film about homosexuality, "Tubog sa Ginto," one of her greatest parts.

"I was proud to be in the film," she said. "I played Eddie Garcia's supposed girlfriend to hide his true personality of a closet queen."

When movie offers, including villain roles dwindled, Delgado turned to television. She was a mainstay on the '80s soap "Anna Lisa" and the sitcom "Duplex," both on Channel 7.

"I was able to build my house in Ayala Alabang because of these shows," Delgado revealed. "But it's not a mansion, ha. I never cling to something I cannot afford. I always start small."

It was also at about this time when Delgado put up her talent agency.

"I knew I was going to need it when I no longer had movie assignments," Delgado admitted. "I want to have a secure old age. Also, I have, I think, been blessed with good business acumen."

"I thrive on business. I thought of this business of recruiting talents for overseas postings because I am part of the performing arts. Fate brought me here, I'm sure. I know what it's like to be a performer so I don't have to depend on other people to manage the business. I know its heart and soul."

Delgado's company has its own training centers for performing artists. Recently, she added a training module for caregivers and nurses whom she also deploys overseas.

"This way, I can help the country in providing jobs," she said. "Our training is rigid, and we have professional trainers."

A wiser actress

Her company is an ISO-certified company, including its training centers, according to Delgado. An ISO certification guarantees that a company is aligned with global standards.

To keep herself abreast with business trends, Delgado has not stopped attending workshops and seminars, including a course in managing for the arts at the Asian Institute of Management.

If she had her way, Delgado would like to relive her life as an actress, but wiser than she had been in the '60s. She claims there were no bad experiences she wants to undo, but there had been disappointments and minor frustrations she would have wanted to resolve. Like when she did not accept a role in Peque Gallaga's first film, "Oro, Plata, Mata."

"The role played by Mitch Valdez in the movie was offered to me," Delgado revealed. "I did not accept it because it had a nude scene. Although they promised me that it

would be shot from the back, I still felt squeamish about going naked. I know now that I should have accepted the role. I should have trusted Peque more. But that time, I did not know him."

Once in a while, Delgado would still get movie offers to play grandmother roles. She also gets assignments on TV soaps. "But it doesn't matter," she said. "That's still acting."

She claims she has forgotten her last big movie role.

"The truth is time has already passed me by," Delgado said.

But she still has dreams.

"Like I want to have my own TV show," she confided. "I still have more dreams. I don't lose hope easily. I can't be hopeless. There would always be hope for me because I always have faith."



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National fetish for gossip

WE WERE finally able to watch Jessica Soho's new GMA 7 show, "Kapuso Mo," last Sunday. We were glad that the episode opted to focus on the topic of gossip, since we feel that Filipinos' obsession with poking our noses into other people's business is one reason why we're in such a mess.

This is because, when we bitchily concern ourselves with other folks' private lives, especially with their seamier and smeller aspects, we dissipate our energies and don't focus on what we can do about our own problems.

Also, we assume a holier-than-thou attitude that is actually a cover-up for our own misery loving other miserable people's company!

So, it's healthy for a TV show to explore the various factors and issues related to gossip, especially in the Philippines, where *chismis* has become a major draw on TV.

The situation is exacerbated by the fact that local gossip has expanded from its original base in show business, to now include *chismis* about other aspects of society, like politics and Manila's 400.

In fact, TV's fascination with gossip now includes even the sordid lives of non-celebrities, all the way down to the barangay or neighborhood level, as long as their sins and excesses are vile enough to both shock and titillate the TV audience.

In the light of these developments, Jessica Soho's show did viewers a distinct service by throwing its spotlight on our national fetish for gossip.

However, after a while, the show frittered away its initial advantage by tackling too many sub-topics, and consequently not devoting enough time to any of them for them to be worth our while.

Among other salutes, the episode debunked the hoary rumor about Rizal being Hitler's tatty, the presence of a woman-eating snake in the ladies' room of a big department store, and a town in the south notorious for its resident *aswangs*.

The show conducted an "experiment" that consisted of a fake scandal staged in an FX taxi, after which the other passengers were encouraged to gossip about what they had just witnessed.

What were the "experiment's" findings? That the gossip about the scandal was predictably know-it-all, misinformed, speculative and bitchy. And that, contrary to general belief, men could be as bitchy as women!

Fine, but these were rather slim pickings for a 30-minute show. In future, we hope that the program opts to focus on fewer sub-topics, so that it can really do justice to them.

We would also like to see the show go deeper into topic up for discussion, so that more solid and en-



Nestor U. Torre

lightening insights can be arrived at. With Jessica at the helm, the refocusing stands a good chance of succeeding.

'Laro' STARTING Dec. 3, Theater Now, the laboratory arm of Gantimpala Theater Foundation, will stage "Laro" at Studio 2 at the Concert

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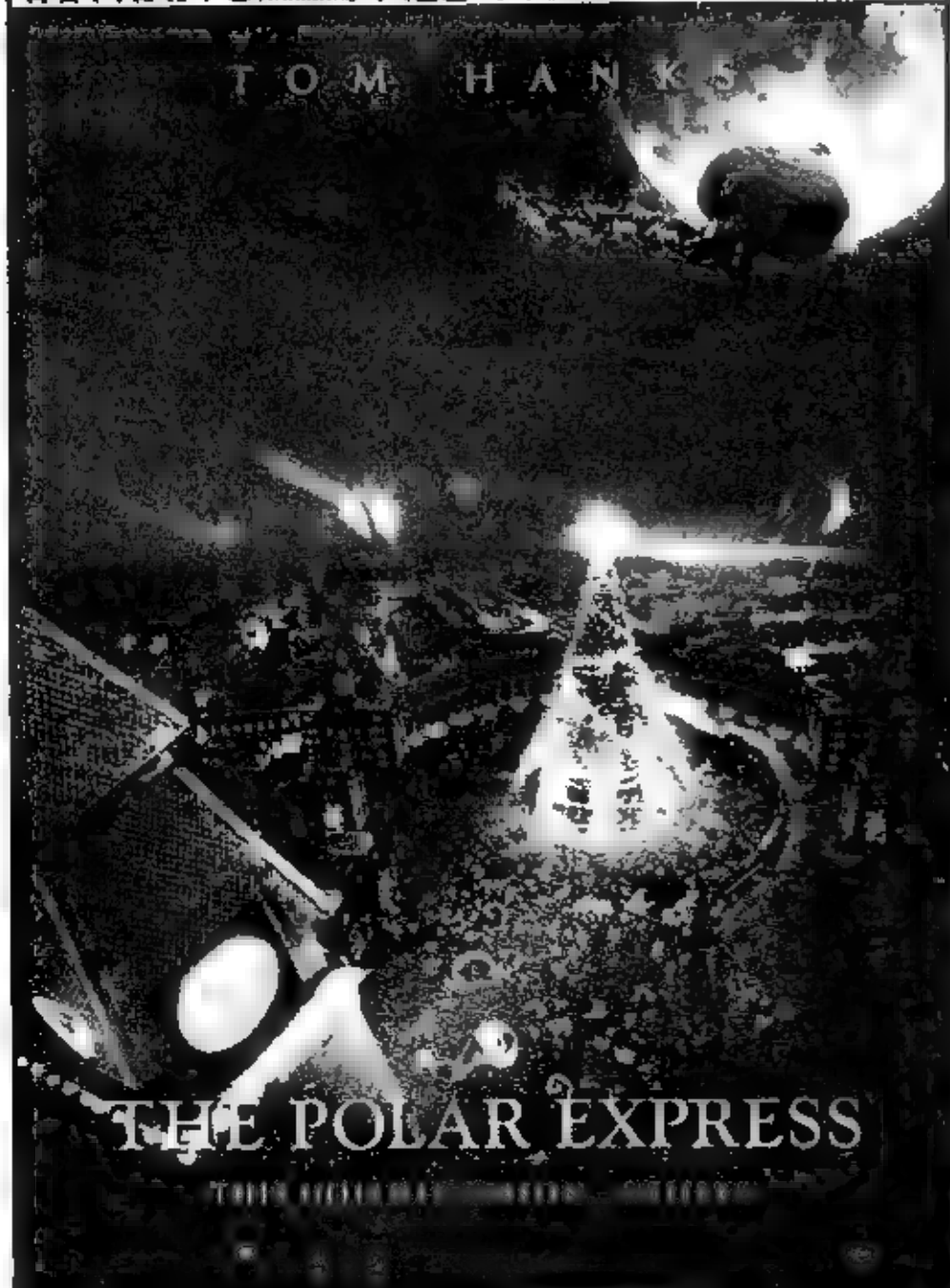
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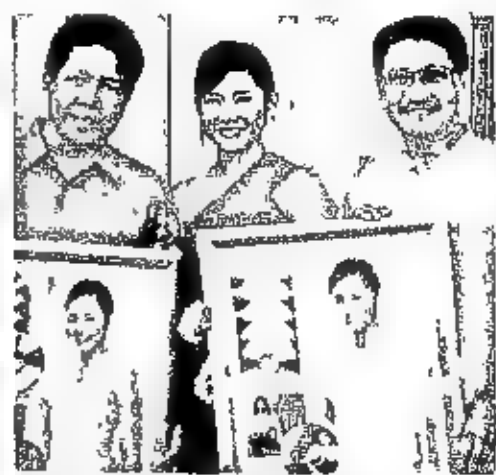
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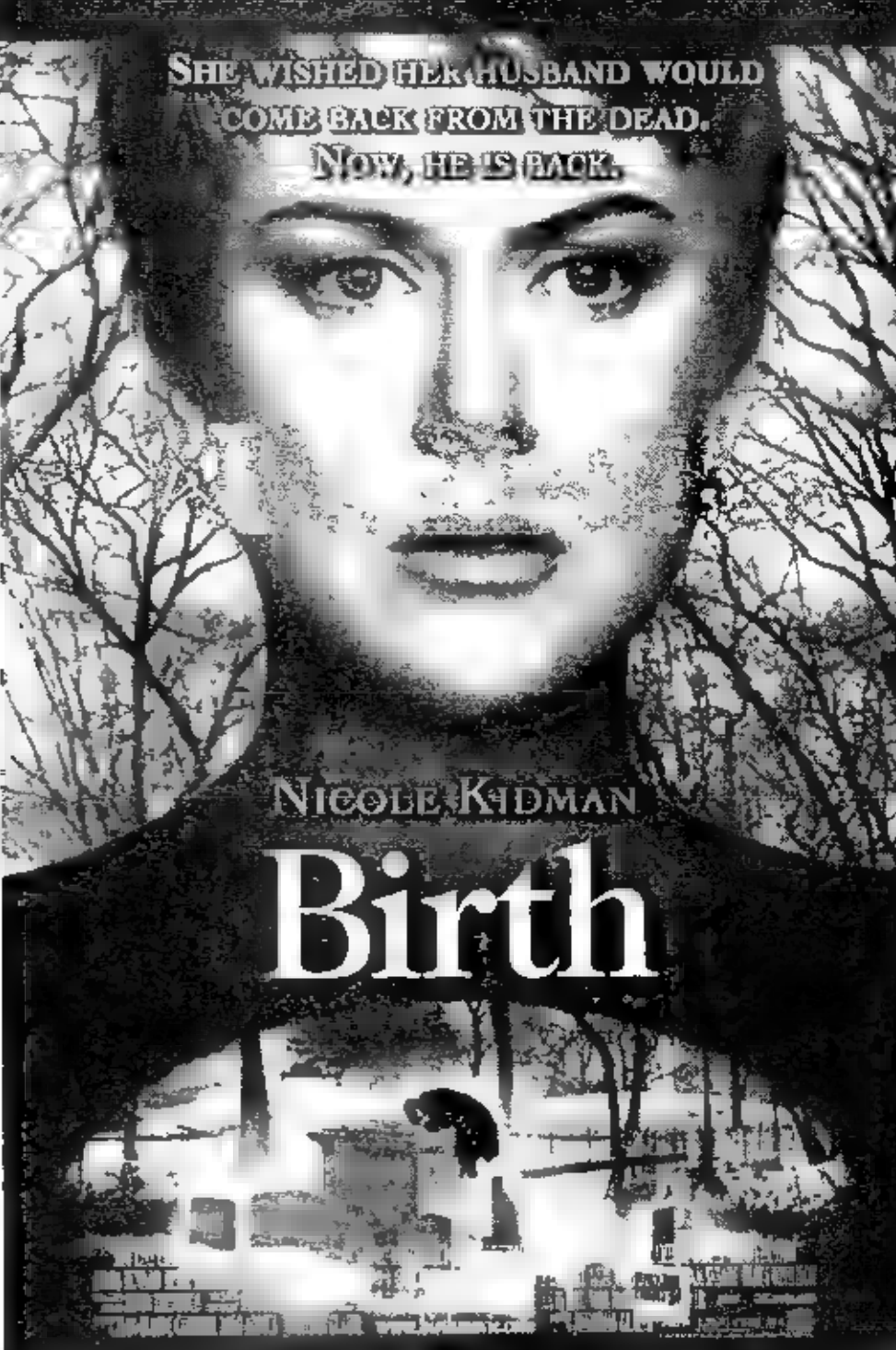


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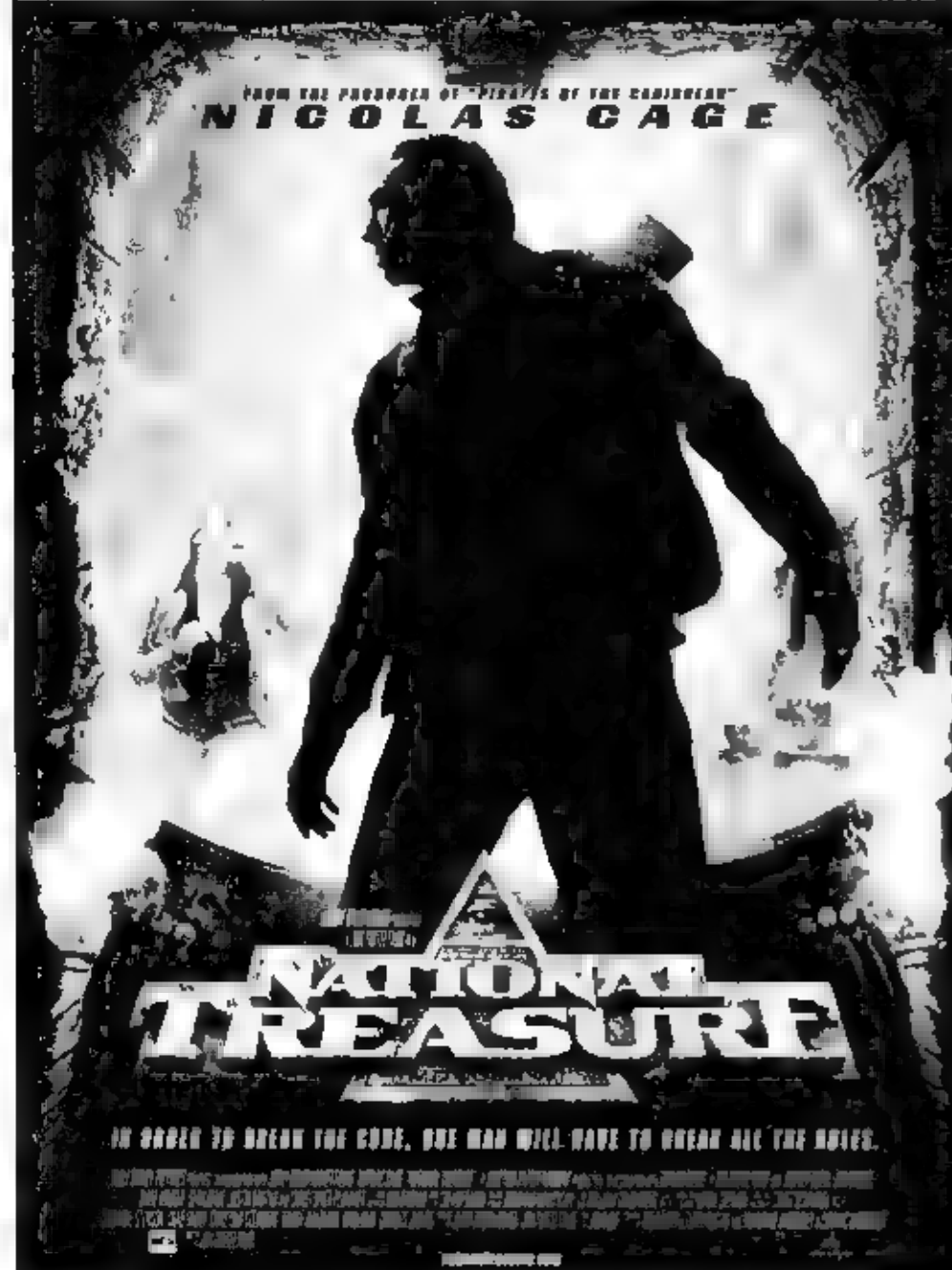
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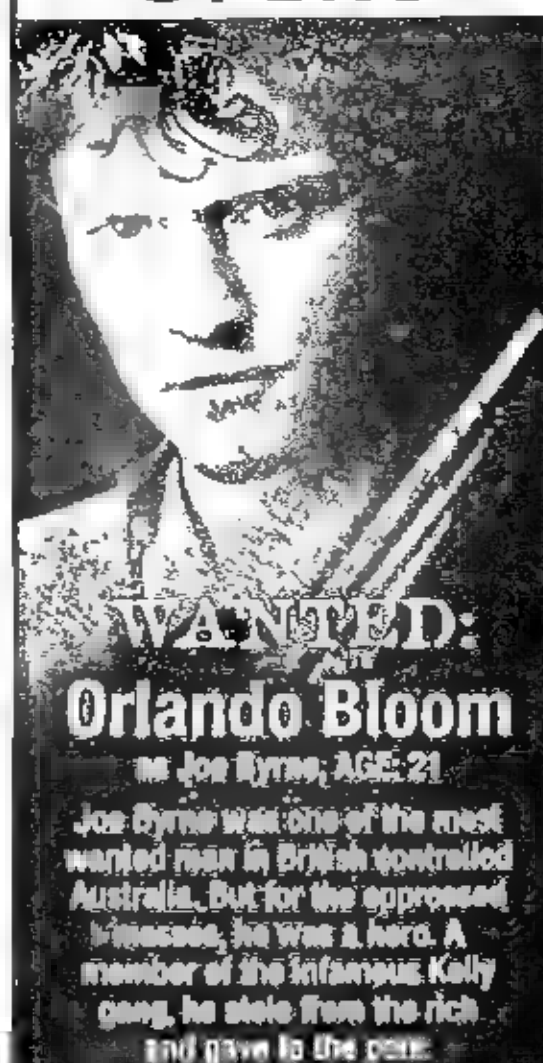
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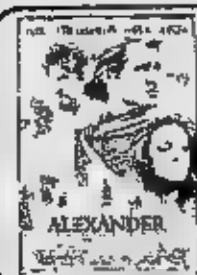
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First known for their roles as 9-month-old babies in the ABC sitcom "Full House," Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have ventured into more mature roles in "New York Minute." They play Jane and Roxy, twins who are exact opposites, one a conservative goody-goody and the other a punk and daredevil.

Hilary Duff recreates the struggles and adventures of Cinderella in a modern-day setting in "Cinderella Story." She plays the enslaved Sam Montgomery who meets, through the Internet, her prince charming Austin Ames (Chad Michael Murray), who happens to be a popular football player in her university.

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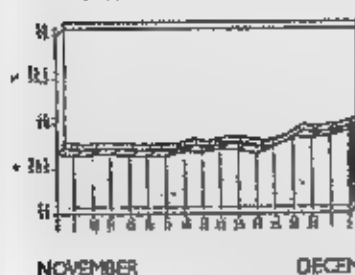
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DOE seeks review of oil deregulation law

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STOCK MARKET

Mining stocks shine, main index flat

MINING stocks surged yesterday after a court order reopened the sector to foreign players, but a drop in telecom stocks weighed on the overall market.

Shares in number-one telecoms firm Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) and second-ranked Globe Telecom Inc. fell on concerns about the effect of a franchise tax on the industry being debated by lawmakers.

The main index ended up 0.03 percent at 1,816.99 points. The mining index jumped 19.65 percent. Value turnover reached 1.08 billion pesos (\$19.34 million) as gainers beat losers 52 to 29.

The most heavily traded mining stock was Manila Mining Corp. whose 8 shares, open to both foreigners and locals, jumped 12 percent

MINING/82

By Abigail L. Ho

ENERGY Secretary Vincent Perez yesterday said he would recommend to Malacañang an independent review of Republic Act No. 8479, or the Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998, to determine whether amendments to the law were needed.

In a speech during a Makati Business Club meeting yesterday, Perez said "the future of the deregulated oil industry" would depend on the results of this review.

"The public perception now is that the deregulation of the industry has been the cause for the unmitigated rise in oil prices. With the thorough independent review that we'll be proposing, consultations will be held with all (concerned) sectors nationwide," he said.

He added that these consultations would be an integral part of efforts to come up with a "renewed consensus on the future of the downstream oil industry."

"If, at the end of the review, the review body would find that the existing law had to be revised, then necessary changes would be made," he said.

On the part of the business sector, MIRC executive director Guillermo Luz said the proposed review of the Oil Deregulation Law should be considered "with an open mind."

"The DOE's suggestion, after all,

was only for the existing law to be reviewed and that no judgment had been passed."

"The DOE has not expressed its side on the matter. The review doesn't mean that anything will be changed. It's important for everyone to look at it with an open mind," he said.

Perez refrained from giving a hint on how the DOE felt about the existing law, saying that he did not want to taint the review process with certain biases.

He declined to reveal the details of the DOE's recommendation, saying he wanted to first discuss the matter with President Macapagal-Arroyo.

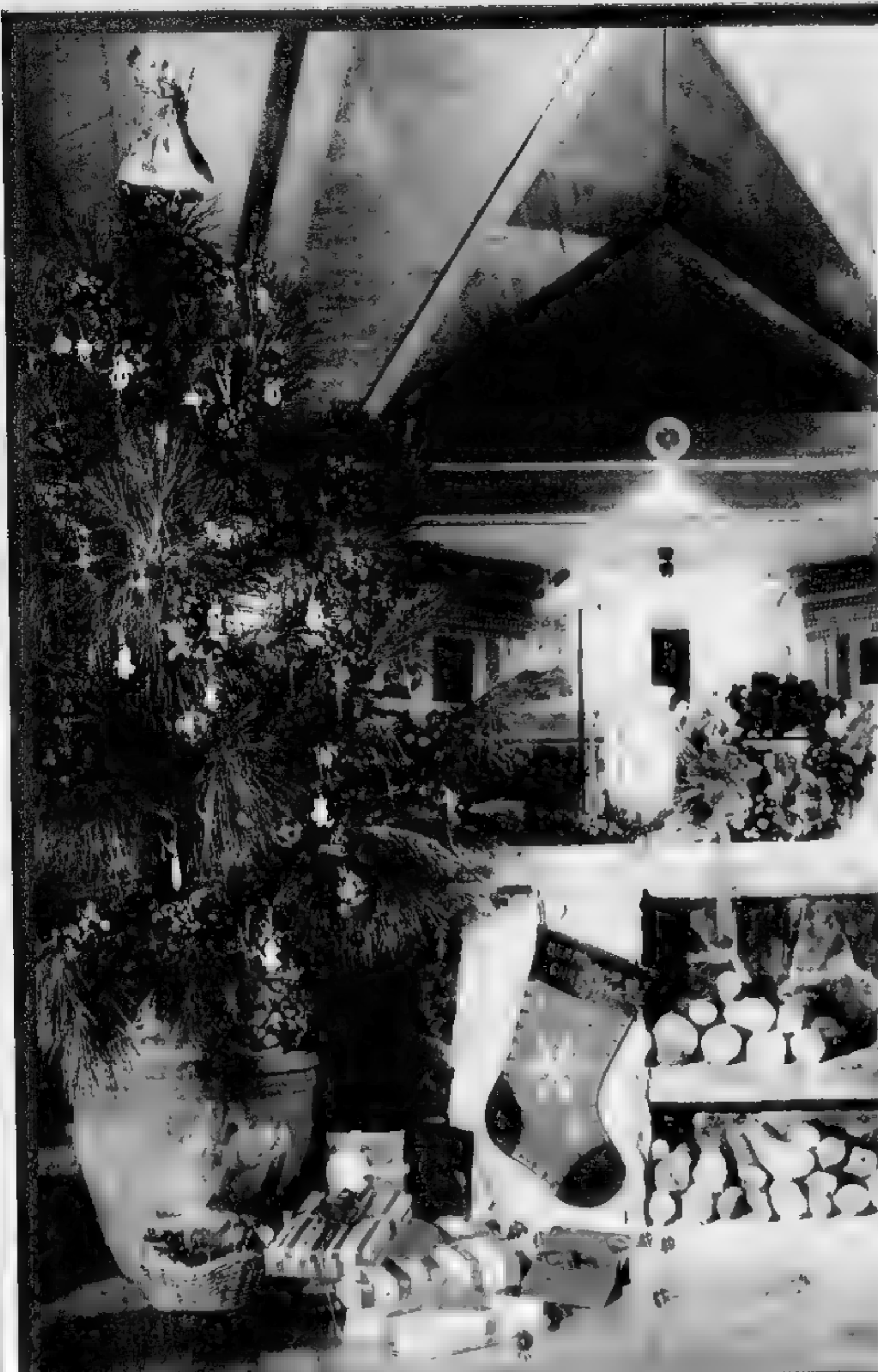
Various militant groups, including party-list Anakpawis and the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, had called for the repeal of the Oil Deregulation Law.

They said the law was the very root of the country's problems on the high prices of oil, as it allowed local oil firms to adjust their prices without consulting the government.



ORDER OF SIKATUNA FOR ADB CHIEF

President Macapagal-Arroyo confers on outgoing Asian Development Bank president Tadao Chino the Order of Sikatuna, with a rank of datu, in a simple ceremony in Malacañang. Chino's resignation as ADB president will take effect Jan. 31 next year.

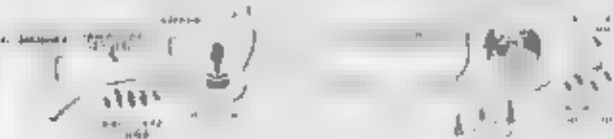


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Down the drain

THE GOVERNMENT Service Insurance System is one of the bigger casualties of the sudden closure of the American Standard manufacturing operations in the country.

According to the grapevine, the GSIS has about 9 percent stake in the US-controlled bathroom fixtures manufacturing plant through the publicly listed Sanitary Waves Manufacturing Corp.

The GSIS bloc was acquired during the 1989 go-go days for P148 million and it held on to it, keeping faith in the American expatriate management, despite the foreign fund managers selling down the stock these past few years.

Notwithstanding its sizable shareholding, the GSIS bloc had no board representation in the seven-member Sanware's board, and had to rely on the public pronouncements and SEC reports to keep itself abreast of the company plans, which was still upbeat with a turnaround story as late as the third quarter filing.

GSIS is not alone

INVESTMENT banker Gregorio Yu, representing the Solar Securities group which has a slightly bigger stake than GSIS, had hardly warmed his board seat after a three-year battle to gain representation when he was caught off-guard by the closure decision. Also caught off-guard were significant minority shareholders—stock market wizard Wilson Sy, ACG Builder's Centre and Jose Santos of Prudential Bank.

According to Sanware's, the company had been bleeding for the past several years, unable to compete with imports despite, reportedly, competitive prices of its products to its American parent.

Officially, Sanware's has negative equity when it decided to close Nov. 26, right on the same day the issue was tabled by the board. Whatever assets it may be able to liquidate would first have to go to pay off creditor Citibank.

According to the grapevine, local suppliers have about P700 million in combined exposure to Sanware's, and there is no guarantee that they can ever be repaid.

Fort's water woes

THE FAST-FOOD stall operators of the new Market!Market! in The Fort are drowning in their own version of killer storm Winnie over their water bills.

For example, a stall owner who used to pay an average of P500 a month for water usage in her previous strip mall stall turned livid when shown a P38,000 monthly bill for her 20-meter stall in the new Ayala market-mall.

Ayala Land inherited the mutiny-inducing rates from the Metro Pacific-Vivendi joint venture that developed the world-class water and sewerage system in the new global city.

Unfortunately, world-class, especially when dollar-denominated, comes with a First World

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price tag. The Asian currency crisis not only exposed the water venture to devaluation risk, but the projected Fort market base also shrank, resulting in fewer consumers carrying a heavier debt burden.

The good news, according to the grapevine, is that Ayala is now meeting with the restive stallholders to discuss the reduction of their water rates.

But, then again, even if Ayala slashes the rates by half, P19,000

from P500 a month still represents a financial tsunami for a stall that gets by on P55 meals.

(Latebreaker: According to an Ayala Land spokesperson, there are no negotiations with Market!Market! fast-food merchants on any reduction of their water rates. That means the rates, which the spokesperson claim have already gone down "tremendously," would remain.)

Hyatt sizzles

THOSE who love to eat out and tuck down to an all-you-can-eat buffet should check out the coffee shop of the new Hyatt hotel and casino in Ermita.

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much-raved about Paseo Uno of Mandarin, even better, according to some, because the café is laid out in sections like market stalls where one can choose Japanese, Chinese and Western dishes and have them cooked on the spot.

Hyatt's own is called, appropriately, Market Café, and it was booked solid Wednesday night, a nothing-special night, despite the hotel being only one-third open.

Even the hotel's 80-plus available rooms, out of the 378 when fully opened, had all been taken up by Japanese and Korean guests at \$100 a night, quite high for Bay area hotels.

But then again, the room sizes are positively generous by Korean and Japanese standards. And despite being a casino-hotel, every room has a broadband connection for the business traveler and guests who have to stay work-connected.

And the famed Manila Bay sunset view, of course, is priceless.

(Tip: Those considering buying a condo unit should take a peek at how Hyatt elevated and subdivided the hotel bathroom.)

Short takes

• TOYOTA will open its first joint venture dealership in the country in San Fernando, Pampanga tomorrow, with Toyota Cabanatuan dealer Jose Tan as president.

The Japanese car company will also unveil the new, bigger, roomier Hil-Lux passenger van, which it would make available for test drives to prospective buyers starting next weekend.

• The former law firm of Haydee Yorac, in reaction to a Nov. 22 item, says it was the PCGG chief, before she was drafted into government service, who initiated and won all the way to the Supreme Court the equal-work, equal-pay battle of the International School union.

Heard through the grapevine

MAIL operator SM Prime Holdings is meeting with its key concessionaires next week to inform them about a plan to adopt an Ayala-like two-tiered lease scheme, where, in addition to the current percentage of the monthly gross, a new minimum lease rate per square meter would kick in.

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BUSINESS

LARGE-SCALE CONTRACTS

Gov't to farm out idle mines to private firms

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE GOVERNMENT is looking at farming out to private operators at least five foreclosed or abandoned mines held by the Privatization Management Office, which have assets amounting to P23.9 billion.

These mining concerns include those of Basay Mining Corp., Baring Buhay Gold Mines, North Davao Mining Corp., Nonoc Mining and Industrial Corp., and Hercules Minerals and Oils Inc.

According to the Department of Trade and Industry, the government was exploring the possibility of creating one company per mining claim, which will be sub-contracted to a private operator. The move is aimed at attracting large-scale mining contracts.

Plans are being rushed considering that mineral prices are currently high and that raising capital is expected to be easy.

Prices of metals are currently at their peaks: copper at \$1.44 a pound

or 78-percent higher than last year, gold at \$453 an ounce or 25-percent higher, silver at \$7.82 an ounce or 60-percent higher, and nickel at \$7.13 a pound or 63-percent higher.

Trade Undersecretary Elmer C. Hernandez yesterday said in a press briefing that the Board of Investments has available incentives package for mining projects. These include four to six years of income tax holiday, duty-free importation of capital equipment for two years, additional deduction for labor expense, exemption from wharfage dues as well as export tax, import and fees.

"Bills currently pending in Congress, which are among the government's priority bills, provide for the rationalization of the grant of incentives to all economic activities that the government is promoting," Hernandez said.

He said the proposed bills would enhance the incentives package to priority projects including those in the mining sector, including the extension of tax holidays to eight years.

Hernandez said that since the start of 2004, the BOI was able to register three big mining ventures totaling P1.5 billion. These cover the expansion projects of those of Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corp., Philex Mining Corp. and Bicol Mineral Development Corp.

DTI data show that there are at least 23 mining and mineral processing projects that have just started or are still in the pipeline.

Of these 23 projects, the seven biggest represent a total of \$3 billion in investments and some 4,500 new jobs.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court ruled that the Mining act of 1995 was lawful, reversing an earlier decision that declared certain provisions of the law unconstitutional.

In 2003, the mining industry yielded a gross production value of P42 billion or 1.5 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

The industry also yielded export receipts of \$638 million or 1.8 percent of total exports last year.

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Loans extended to SMEs reached P18B in Q1-Q3

LENDING to small and medium-sized enterprises reached a total of P18.6 billion in the first nine months, the government-run Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corp. yesterday reported.

Benel P. Laguna, SB Corp. president, said that the loans benefited at least 40,000 SMEs under the SME Unified Lending Opportunities for National Growth program or Sulong.

The Sulong program is the financing component of the National SME Development Plan, where six government financing institutions are taking part: SB Corp., Landbank of the Philippines, Development Bank of the Philippines, National Livelihood and Support Fund, Philippine Export-Import Bank and Quedan Rural Credit and Guarantee Corp.

Laguna said that of the loans extended from January to September, SB Corp. released P2.3 billion, LBP P8.6 billion; DBP P6.7 billion; NLSF P290 million, PhilExim P359.5 million and QuedanCorp. P376.2 million.

He said the total amount represented 78 percent of the P24-billion loan target to be released for 2004.

Laguna explained that under the Sulong program, participating GFIs have standardized their lending guidelines and interest rates to give SMEs easier access to credit. The GFIs have also relaxed their accreditation procedures to invite more rural banks and micro-finance institutions to act as conduits for the Sulong program.

Since the Sulong program was launched in 2002, loans that were released have reached a total of P71.5 billion. *Rommel W. Domingo*

CAIRO MEET PROJECTION

Opec unlikely to cut back production



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Dame Anita Roddick (in white shirt, second row), founder of The Body Shop, joins the cheering children who now stand a chance at a decent education. The Body Shop recently donated a "mobile school" for the benefit of out-of-school children.

EUGENIA ARANETA

By Abigail L. Ho

THE ORGANIZATION of Petroleum Exporting Countries is unlikely to agree to an output cut at a meeting in Cairo next week, the group's acting secretary general said Thursday.

"Cutting the production has a little chance," Opec acting secretary general Maizar Rahman yesterday said during a meeting with members of the Makati Business Club.

He said the most the group could do is "stay at the (current) quota."

Opec members are scheduled to meet in Cairo on Dec. 10 to reassess their supply commitments, as the group anticipates a decline in demand next year because of an anticipated weakening of the global economy.

"We'll observe and evaluate the market," Rahman said. "We want to have stable prices and secure supply. We'll have to observe next year's demand."

But he also said that the world "is now well supplied."

"We're even in excess (of what we need)," Rahman said.

An oversupply in the market would be bad for the oil producers, he added.

Rahman said he expects Opec's production to average 28 million barrels a day next year.

Rahman yesterday said that oil demand in 2005 would likely soften, particularly as China planned to cool down its overheating economy.

The economic growth projection for next year was also slower at 4 percent from this year's 4.9 percent. Oil demand is usually proportional with economic growth.

The huge demand, plus many non-fundamental factors like speculations and geopolitics, led to a sudden surge in world oil prices this year.

To cushion the adverse effects of spiraling oil costs on the global economy as well as to place a certain psychological safeguard against over-speculation, the Opec decided to raise its production quota three times during the year.

From 23.5 million barrels per day, the output ceiling was jacked up to 25.5 million barrels per day on July 1, to 26 million barrels per day on Aug. 1 and to 27 million barrels per day on Nov. 1.

However, even while Opec member countries were already producing at full capacity, Rahman said world oil prices remained steep due to non-fundamental factors. With a report from AP

PLDT to pay P31B in taxes, says top exec

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. yesterday said it was not opposed to new taxes and was open to paying more to help the government raise an additional P10 billion in revenue, according to PLDT chair Manuel V. Pangilinan.

Globe Telecom Inc. senior vice president Rodolfo Salalima said the P10 billion in additional taxes the Arroyo administration wanted to generate from the sector could be achieved even under the existing tax regime.

Salalima also warned legislators not to prohibit telecom firms from passing on the impact of any new taxation to consumers. He said any such move would be unconstitutional.

"We are not opposed to new taxes," said Pangilinan in an interview. "We just want any new tax to be better defined and one that would efficiently distribute the burden."

The telecom executive said his company was willing to dialogue with the government on how best to resolve the issue.

He said PLDT and its subsidiaries were

expecting to shell out more than P31 billion in taxes this year and the next.

The increasing tax payments of the PLDT Group should cover a substantial portion of the P10 billion in additional revenue that the Arroyo administration wanted to generate from the telecom sector, Pangilinan noted.

"The PLDT Group alone would increase its tax payment next year by about P4 billion," said the PLDT chair. "I am sure Globe also has incremental tax payments. The PLDT Group is willing to discuss with government how best to raise whatever is the remaining amount."

Pangilinan said the most equitable solution to address the deficit problem would be to increase the value added tax rate. A franchise tax or any other charge to be slapped on gross earnings would hit even the phone companies that were losing.

Salalima said that apart from PLDT and Globe, the rest of the members of the telecom industry had been in the red.

"Increasing the VAT would make sure that the entire food chain is taxed. It would force us, our suppliers and the rest of the chain to declare the correct income. These guys make money also, so they should be taxed," said the PLDT chair.

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Northeast invests in call center

By Clarissa S. Batino

SHAREHOLDERS of Northeast Development and Acquisitions Corp. have formed Synergia Cybercare Inc., a new company that will invest in a small call center using an Internet-based technology.

Northeast Development is the majority owner of Hopewell Crown Infrastructure Inc., the group undertaking the P10-billion upgrade of the South Luzon Expressway.

"NDAC itself is not the owner but the individual shareholders who also happened to be

with the company," said Joel Bahares, chair of Northeast Development and of the call center firm.

Synergia Cybercare would start with only about a dozen seats.

Its operating costs would amount to just a fraction of the usual expense due to its tie up with American firm Five9 Inc., officials said.

Tim Keefe, president and chief executive officer of Synergia Cybercare said the company was the Philippine licensee for Five9, a US-based provider of hosted contact center solutions.

Keefe said that only 10 percent of existing call

centers worldwide use the web-based technology.

According to analysts, the demand for call centers would reach \$50 billion by the end of 2006.

Keefe said the partnership of Synergia Cybercare and Five9 would allow them to provide low cost service to customers.

"We see the Philippines a global center for providing customer care solutions. By providing the Five9 technology to the Philippines, Synergia will encourage the growth of locally-owned and operated contact centers," he said in a statement.

ALL PAWNBROKERS

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A CALL FOR SUPPORT TO THE PAWNBROKERS-BIR ACTION PROGRAM

After months of consultations, the Chamber of Pawnbrokers of the Philippines and the Bureau of Internal Revenue have come to an Agreement & Framework for working together for the country's good. The framework is contained in the three (3) recent issuances of the Department of Finance and the BIR.

Revenue Regulations No. 10-2004, provides for the shift of the pawnshop sector from VAT to Gross Receipts Tax, and recognizes the role of pawnshops as a non-bank financial institution under the supervision of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Revenue Memorandum Circular (RMC) No. 73-2004 details the policies for the settlement of outstanding tax liabilities of pawnshops for the years 1996 to 2002 under Section 204 of the Tax Code. The Circular also sets the basis for pawnshops' tax payments for January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004, and for January 1, 2005 onward.

RMC No. 37-2004 establishes the procedures for the complete settlement of pawnshops' outstanding value-added tax liabilities prior to 2003, upon the payment of at least 25% of the basic tax due.

The issuances finally resolved the decades old controversies in the taxation of the pawnbroking industry and represents a firm basis for moving forward to progress and development. The Chamber and BIR Management agreed to regularly meet to immediately resolve other current and future issues.

In appreciation of the BIR's active support to the industry, the Chamber calls upon all pawnshops across the country to support the implementation of these issuances at the earliest possible time.

Discussions of the issuances will be one of the highlights of the National Congress of Pawnbrokers on Sunday, 5 December 2004, at the Quezon City Sports Club, where key BIR officials will be on hand to respond to queries and clarifications.

Detailed information on the issuances, as well as other relevant tax information, is available at the BIR website (www.bir.gov.ph), or at any BIR District Office.



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Indophil to revive RP mine

MELBOURNE—Australian minerals explorer Indophil Resources Ltd. said the Philippines' Supreme Court decision this week could pave the way for production to start up at its Tampakan copper and gold project by later this decade.

Indophil managing director Tony Robbins said the mining project, estimated to cost \$350 million to \$500 million, could start production by around 2009, subject to a feasibility study now being completed.

"We would probably be looking at about 200,000 tons of copper concentrates in the early stages," he told a briefing following the supreme court decision.

The Philippines' Supreme Court on Wednesday reversed a decision in January that had voided the form of mining title held for Tampakan.

Indophil currently owns 95 percent of the project, with Alsons Corp. holding 5 percent.

Swiss-based Xstrata Plc., which has bid \$5.4 billion (\$5.8 billion) for Australian copper and nickel producer WMC Resources Ltd., has an option to acquire a 62.5 percent stake in the project, reducing Indophil's stake to 32.5 percent.

Reuters

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE					
(As of December 2, 2004)					
STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Aseanbank	2.35	2.35	2.25	2.25	33,000
Bank of the Philippine Islands	23.75	23.75	23.75	23.75	558,000
Bank of the Philippine Islands	50	50.5	48.5	48.5	584,000
China Banking Corp.	600	600	600	600	510
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	51	51	51	51	29,800
Export and Import Bank Inc.	0.48	0.5	0.48	0.5	5,350,000
Malayan Bank & Trust	28.5	29	28	28	118,900
Philippine National Bank	22.75	22.75	22.75	22.75	500
Phil Savings Bank	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	10,000
Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.	13.25	13.25	13	13	13,000
Security Bank Corp.	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	253,000
Union Bank of the Philippines	23	23	22.75	22.75	46.5
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
San Life Financial Inc.	1800	1815	1800	1815	1,420
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATIONS					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	18	18	19	19	35,400
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	1.88	1.82	1.84	1.86	15,148,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	990	990	975	990	17,200
Isi Corp.	2.9	2.9	2.95	2.95	188,000
ISi Communications Corp.	0.034	0.034	0.034	0.034	800,000
Mobile Telephony Corp.	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	1,500
Philippine Tel. Corp.	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	4,995,000
Phil Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	30,000
Phil Long Dis. Tel. Co.	1350	1350	1345	1345	108,800
Phil Long Dis. Tel. Co.	0.8	0.8	0.78	0.78	7,840,000
Phil Long Dis. Tel. Co.	0.012	0.012	0.011	0.012	80,200,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	15.75	16.5	16.75	16.5	150,800
Manila Electric Co. B	26	26.5	26	26	3,434,500
Palayan Corp.	3.25	3.3	3.2	3.2	1,964,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Alkote Trans. Sys. Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	30,000
Int'l Container Term. Sv.	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	517,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	1.18	1.22	1.18	1.22	1,058,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	1,280,000
Superior Ply. Div. Corp.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	4,000
Union Cement Corp.	2.18	2.18	2.12	2.12	5,110,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95	513,000
GenCorp San Miguel Inc.	32	32	31.5	31.5	28,700
Jockey Foods Corp.	29	29.5	29	29.5	136,800
RFM Corp.	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	40,000
Swift Food Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	80,000
Swift Corp. A	72.5	72.5	73.5	73.5	9,700
Swift Corp. B	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	1,140,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con. Res. & Hdg. A	0.0042	0.0042	0.004	0.004	30,000,000
Abacus Con. Res. & Hdg. B	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	5,000,000
Abacus Con. Res. & Hdg. C	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1,120,000
Ayala Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	40,000
Alsons Corp. Res. Inc.	3.2	3.35	3.2	3.35	4,943,000
Alsons Corp. Ventures	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	3,990,000
Alo Yee Holdings Inc.	1.52	1.52	1.5	1.5	554,800
A. Soriano Corp.	0.0075	0.008	0.008	0.008	250,000,000
Alcam Gold Res. Corp.	0.0075	0.008	0.008	0.008	2,100
Bacmon Cons. Indus. Inc.	0.7	0.74	0.69	0.73	66,440,000
Bacmon Holdings Corp.	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.15	1,850,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	1,250,000
Crown Equities Inc.	3.9	3.95	3.9	3.9	2,805,000
DMA Holdings Inc.	0.05	0.05	0.029	0.029	1,300,000
Ever-Source Resources	1	1	1	1	6,600,000
Ever-Source Resources	4.9	4.95	4.9	4.95	1,125,000
PI-Hispano Holdings Corp.	28	30.5	28	30.5	4,018,700
First Phil. Hldgs. Corp.	1.46	1.46	1.42	1.42	2,570,000
Ionics Inc.	3.75	3.75	3.4	3.4	1,440,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.44	1.56	1.44	1.56	3,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.015	0.015	0.014	0.014	305
Megaworld Corp.	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22	13,140,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	30,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	60,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	2,370,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.135	0.135	0.13	0.13	6,850,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.175	0.175	0.175	0.175	740,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	8,000
MANUFACTURING, MINING & TRADING					
Meik Semiconductor Corp.	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62	5,930,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.6	0.65	0.6	0.65	5,930,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.97	0.97	0.9	0.94	140,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	300,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	216,700
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PLDT 10% Pref Series Z	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,700
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	2,300
PLDT 10% Pref Series Bb	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,800
PLDT 10% Pref Series Cc	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,100
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	7.1	7.1	7	7.1	2,118,000
Calu Holdings Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	900,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	6,720,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	8,200,000
Ed Realty Developers Inc.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	40,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	2,220,000
Philinvest Land Inc.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	1,250,000
Philinvest Land Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	800,000
Philinvest Estates Corp.	0.0875	0.0875	0.0875	0.0875	14,700,000
Phil Realty And Holdings	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	650,000
SM Development Corp.	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1,100,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.8	7.8	7.5	7.5	6,330,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	238,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	430,000
Apex Mining & Industrial	0.014	0.015	0.012	0.014	1,840,000
Atlas Cons. Min. & Dev't	4.05	4.05	3.95	3.95	2,181,000
Banquet Corp. A	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	80
Banquet Corp. B	4	4	4	4	168
Depon Copper Silver Mine	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	93
Lampaco Cons. Min. Co. A	0.25	0.27	0.245	0.27	155.3
Lampaco Cons. Min. Co. B	0.31	0.39	0.31	0.39	2,334,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.02	0.021	0.02	0.021	2,233,200
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.025	0.03	0.028	0.028	1,774,000
Orinco Corp.	0	0.008	0.0048	0.0056	22,320,000
Philix Mining Corp. A	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	38,840,000
Philix Mining Corp. B	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	4,310,000
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.01	0.011	0.01	0.011	5,000,000
Imperial Res.	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	5,000,000
Imperial Res.	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	1,100,000
Imperial Res.	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	49,000,000
Imperial Res.	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	0.0046	2,000,000
Imperial Res.	2.6	2.6	2.55	2.6	129,000
Imperial Res.	0.225	0.235	0.22	0.23	1,830,000

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Reactor: Mr. Rene Salvaña

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Afternoon

3 Topic: The First Indio Recollects and Recollect Beatas

Speaker: Dr. Luciano P.R. Santiago
Reactor: Rev. Fr. Rolando de la Rosa, OP

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Speaker: Rev. Fr. José Arcilla, SJ
Reactor: Prof. Emmanuel Luis A. Romanillos

Open Forum

Trade pact seen to open doors for RP professionals

DAVAO CITY—For Filipino architects who often end up working as draftsmen in foreign lands, the country's upcoming bilateral agreement with Japan offers a ray of hope and opportunity.

The agreement will pave the way for Filipino professionals to work in Japan.

"Even if you're already a licensed architect here, without such bilateral agreement, you could never practice your profession in foreign lands," said Davao-based architect Herchelano Lagunay, former district director of the Mt. Apo chapter of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP).

"That's why most Filipino architects who decide to work abroad often end up working as draftsmen in the US and the Middle East."

Although such an agreement might trigger an exodus of Filipino architects to Japan, he said this would not be a cause for worry because as overseas contract workers (OCWs), they would eventually come back, bringing along their wealth of experiences.

"Just think of the expertise that they will eventually bring (home) with them when they return, on top of the remittances they'll be sending their families while they're working abroad," said Lagunay, who himself worked as a draftsman abroad. "Without such bilateral agreement, you leave this country as an architect but you end up as draftsman in a foreign country."

In 1992, Lagunay was hired as architect by an American company in the Mariana Islands, but ended up a draftsman for his American employer.

"I was a Filipino working for American bosses in an American company, so I ended up as a draftsman, for a while," he recalled. "It took them about a month to realize that I can do something more and that was how they started respecting me as an architect."

The country is keen on signing the agreement, called the Japan Philippine Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA). The pact will allow the opening of the market for Filipino professionals, including nurses and engineers, in exchange for the opening of the country's market for auto imports from Japan.

Lagunay said he foresees more architects, like himself, leaving the country if such an agreement will push through because they will be earning more in Japan than what they are earning here.

"Definitely, you earn more and the exposure that you learn there, is irreplaceable," he said.

A similar agreement is also being worked out among the other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Lagunay said the pact presented a chance for Filipino architects to prove their worth to the world.

"We Filipinos are a hardworking lot and we don't normally condone anything that will disrupt our work," he said. *Germelina A. Lacorte, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Republic Cement in share-swap deal with Lafarge

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

LISTED firm Republic Cement Corp. has issued P1.35 billion in convertible loan notes to Lafarge Holdings Philippines Inc. (LHPI) in exchange for the latter's shares in cement subsidiary Continental Operating Corp.

LHPI is a local subsidiary of French conglomerate Lafarge S.A.

With the buy-in of Continental, Republic Cement will become the largest cement group in the country with a total capacity of over 8.5 million metric tons of clinker a year.

Republic Cement yesterday said in a disclosure that the loan has an interest rate of 8 percent per annum payable in arrears on the call date.

The noteholder will have the option to convert notes into common shares of Republic Cement at any time after the fifth anniversary date.

The noteholder also has the right to fix the date for the settlement and discharge of the convertible loan note at anytime after the fifth anniversary date of the note.

The settlement and discharge of the convertible loan notes however shall be mandatory on its 10th anniversary date.

The board of Republic Cement earlier announced its acquisition of Continental. LCPI recently merged with LHPI, with the latter as the surviving entity after assuming LCPI's assets and liabilities.

Republic Cement's six cement subsidiaries are Fortune Cement Corp., Premier Cement Corp., Iligan Cement Corp., Mindanao Portland Cement, FR Cement and Lloyds Richfield Industrial Corp.

Continental, on the other hand, has plants in Bulacan and Rizal.

To fund the acquisition, Republic Cement sought regulatory approval for the issuance of a convertible loan in exchange for the shares of LCPI in Continental. LCPI holds 239.04 million shares or 4.13 percent of Continental.

In 2001, Lafarge acquired Blue Circle U.K. and all its assets including one of Republic Cement's stockholders, Blue Circle Philippines Inc. The company then became part of the Lafarge Group in the Philippines.

MWCI plans to issue shares overseas

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE AYALA Group's Manila Water Co. Inc. (MWCI) is laying the groundwork for an initial public offering that will include the issuance of shares abroad.

Standing offers from foreign underwriters have led Manila Water officials to consider issuing shares overseas, according to Sherisa Nuesa, MWCI chief finance officer.

"Our intent to go public in the first quarter of 2005 has generated an interest in the international market and we might issue some of the shares there," Nuesa told the Inquirer.

Manila Water expects to raise \$75 million from the initial public offer-

ing, but the figure could vary depending on market conditions. Manila's east concessionaire has tapped ING and BPI Capital as its financial advisors.

Proceeds from the offering will largely go to the expansion of water service coverage, non-revenue water reduction program and the development of new water resources.

The IPO is provided for in Manila Water's 25-year concession agreement with

the Metropolitan Water Sewerage System (MWSS). The MWCI supplies water to Metro Manila's east zone composed of the cities of Marikina, Pasig, Mandaluyong and Makati, along with San Juan, Taguig and Pateros. It also supplies water to parts of Quezon City

and Manila.

Since it started operations, Manila Water has been posting aggressive growth rates. Last year, the company posted a net income of P1.2 billion or more than doubled the figure reported in 2002.

For the past six months of the year, Manila Water posted a net profit of P650 million as revenues rose 12 percent year-on-year to P2 billion. MWCI's aggressive capital expenditure program has resulted in significant service expansion adding 1 million people to areas being served.

East zone concessionaire MWCI has curbed its non-revenue water (NRW) levels to 44.6 percent as of October. That translates to higher water volumes delivered to customers.

Last month, MWCI increased its water delivery to 822 million liters per

day, Nuesa said.

"We have breached the 45-percent target for the entire year, and lower NRWs translate to more water delivered and billed to customers," Nuesa said.

She explained that NRWs, brought on by busted pipes and illegal connections, were lowered from a high of 53 percent as of January with the continuous installation of new pipes.

"MWCI has some P3 billion for its capital expenditure program and this has been used for almost 300 cut-and-plug projects in the entire metropolis," she said.

According to Nuesa, efforts to curb NRW, as well as wastewater and sewerage expansion, eat up a third of its capital investments, which are financed through internally generated funds and loans.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Privatization and Management Office (PMO) is offering for public bidding, on an "as-is-where-is" basis, the following asset formerly belonging to Carruf Development Corporation, as follows:

Description	Indicative Price
Unit 18-N, with an area of 77.85 sq. m. located at Legaspi Towers 300	P2,335,500

Sealed bids will be received on 16 December 2004, 3:00 p.m. at the PMO Conference Room, 6th Floor, Privatization and Management Office, 104 Gambos St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.

Interested parties are advised to deal directly with the PMO Marketing Department. Authenticated bidding documents, together with the Asset Specific Catalogue, may be secured from PMO for a nominal fee of P500.00.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Maureen B. Vallente at telephone numbers 817-8762 or 892-2145.

(PDI Dec 2 3 4 5, 2004)



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INVITATION TO BID

The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) invites interested bidders to purchase on cash basis only by way of SEALED BIDS the following property:

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	MINIMUM BID
Seven (7) contiguous parcels of lot, with improvements thereon and a total net usable area of 2,011.24 sq. mtrs.	Taft Avenue Extension, Barangay 59, Sta. Clara District, Pasay City, adjacent to Iglesia Filipina Independiente and the LRT Libertad Station. The Property was the former site of Banco Primera Development Bank.	PHP 66 MM

Complete description/specifications of the property, Conditions of Bid, bid forms and other related documents, shall be made available for a fee of P 500.00 to interested bidders from December 6 to 15, 2004 at the Office of the Secretariat, Special Disposition Committee, at the Ground Floor, PDIC Building, 2226 Don Chino Rocas Avenue, Makati City. For further details, please contact Engr. Ernesto R. Torres, Jr. at telephone number 841-4000 local 4902.

Sealed bids shall be dropped at the Bid Box located at the Secretariat Extension Office, 8th floor, PDIC Ayala Extension Office, Ayala Avenue corner Herrera Street, Makati City not later than 2:00 P.M. on December 16, 2004. The bids shall be labelled "Special Disposition Committee, PDIC Makati City"

Bidder's deposit equivalent to 10% of the bid price in Certified Manager's/Cashier's Check payable to PDIC must be enclosed with the sealed bid.

PDIC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid, or to award the contract to the bidder whose bid, as evaluated, is the most beneficial to PDIC.

PDIC also assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses that they may incur in the preparation of the bid nor does it guarantee that any award will be made.

(PDI Dec. 3, 4 & 5, 2004)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

RVC Standard Pacific Manpower Inc., a newly organized corp., with office address at Room 403, Garcia Building, 882 Quirino Highway, Novaliches, Quezon City, is an applicant for POEA License with the following board of

Rodolfo Caberto - Pres & Chair of the Board
Virginia M. Caberto - Treas. & Board Member
Gloria R. Contreras - VP-Gen. Mgr. & Board Member
Carlo M. Caberto - Corp. Sec. & Board Member
Rodolfo Silverio - Board Member

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to all creditors of POLARIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., with business address at West Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Center, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, to present their claims, no later than 31 December 2004 to MR AGUSTIN PEREZ or RIZA MARI CALDITO of KPMG LAYA MANANGHAYA & CO., with Tel. Nos. 585-7000 or 893-8507 and Fax No. 894-1985 or 616-6885, ATTN: AGUSTIN PEREZ.

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- Notice is given that Carl Lot 1145-D, Csd-04-024480-D, Csd. 285, Camona Cad. under Tax Dec. No. 04-008-02501 with area of 10,200 sq. m., located at Cabilang Baybay, Camona, Cavite, was extrajudicially settled among Heirs of late Josefa Mangat Bacalita per Doc. No. 488, Page No. 100, Book No. 11, Series of 2004 of Notary Public Virgilio B. Galan of Bataan Laguna (Nov. 10, 26 & Dec. 3, 2004)

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LEGAL NOTICE

- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE AMELIA LUNES-ELICHERIO OF GEN. TRAS, CAVITE HAS BEEN EXTRAJUDICIALLY SETTLED AMONG THE HEIRS UNDER DOC. NO. 47, PAGE NO. 11 BOOK NO. XXIV, SERIES OF 2004 OF NOTARY PUBLIC DANIELO CARRAGA OF QUEZON CITY ON NOV. 24, 2004.
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
FOR CORPORATE REHABILITATION
OF FILIPINAS SHUTTERS, INC.

SPEC. PROC. NO. 84-038

FILIPINAS SHUTTERS, INC.,
Petitioner.

STAY ORDER

Before this Court is a verified petition for rehabilitation filed by the above-named petitioner.

Briefly the petitioner contends that it will be given a breathing space and a reasonable period of time within which to pursue a rehabilitation plan. It will be able to generate sufficient cash flow to pay off its debts (PHP2,552,200.00) and attain profitability. The rehabilitation plan calls for the retention of about ninety percent of its labor force to bring down overhead costs, outsourcing of most of its production work, a ten (10) year payment period with an 18-month moratorium on interests on loans and a 24-month moratorium on loan principal payments and other obligations. Consequently it prays for the immediate appointment of a rehabilitation receiver and the issuance of a Stay Order pending proceedings before this Court.

A careful examination of the Petition shows that it conforms substantially with Section 2, Rule 4 of the Interim Rules of Procedure on Corporate Rehabilitation (A.M. No. 00-8- P-SC). This Court therefore finds the Petition to be sufficient in form and content.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, this Court hereby issues a Stay Order, in accordance with Section 8, Rule 4 of the above-cited Interim Rules, as follows:

- 1) Appointing Mr. Jose N. Romblon, a certified public accountant by profession, as rehabilitation receiver, who shall be considered as an officer of the court as provided for in Section 14, Rule 4 of the Interim Rules of Procedure. The rehabilitation receiver must post a bond of PHP500,000.00 before entering upon his powers, duties and functions and must take an oath, as provided under Section 15, Rule 4 of the above-cited Interim Rules. The petitioner is directed to serve immediately a copy of this Stay Order upon the rehabilitation receiver, Mr. Jose N. Romblon, who shall manifest his acceptance or non-acceptance of this appointment not later than ten (10) days from receipt of this Stay Order.
- 2) Staying enforcement of all claims whether for money or otherwise and whether such enforcement is by court action or otherwise against the petitioner, and its guarantors and sureties not sufficiently liable with the petitioner including the staying of proceedings of collection cases filed against the petitioner, and the staying of the enforcement/implementation of applications for extra-judicial foreclosure sales and actual foreclosure sales if any, against the real and personal properties of petitioner;
- 3) Prohibiting the petitioner from selling, encumbering, transferring, or disposing in any manner of its properties except in the ordinary course of business;
- 4) Prohibiting the petitioner from making any payment of its liabilities outstanding as of the date of the filing of the petition;
- 5) Prohibiting the petitioner from making any payment of its liabilities outstanding as of the date of the filing of the petition;
- 6) Prohibiting the petitioner from making any payment of its liabilities outstanding as of the date of the filing of the petition;
- 7) Prohibiting the petitioner from making any payment of its liabilities outstanding as of the date of the filing of the petition;
- 8) Directing the petitioner to pay in full all administrative expenses incurred after the issuance of this Stay Order.

The initial hearing on the Petition is set on January 31, 2005 at 8:30 in the morning of the session room Branch 70 of this Court located at the Ground Floor of the Hall of Justice situated at the University of Rizal System, Calangpang, Binangonan, Rizal. All creditors and all interested parties including the Securities and Exchange Commission are directed to file with this Court and serve upon the petitioner a verified comment or opposition to the Petition, with supporting affidavits and documents, not later than ten (10) days before the date of the initial hearing as set forth above, and they are put on notice that their failure to do so will be deemed as an admission of the facts stated in the Petition. All creditors and all interested parties are further directed to secure from this Court, copies of the Petition and its annexes within such time as to enable them to file their verified comment on or opposition to the Petition and to prepare them for the initial hearing on the Petition.

The petitioner is furthermore directed by this Court to publish a copy of this Order in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks, with the last publication effected at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of initial hearing as set forth above, for wider dissemination to all interested persons, at the expense of the petitioner.

The Process Server of this Court is ordered to serve immediately copies of this Stay Order upon: 1) Mr. Maximo Y. Chua, President, Filipinas Shuttles, Inc., Rm. 23, Ortigas Avenue Ext., Calatagan, Rizal; 2) Atty. Rodrigo L. Yuson, Unit 508 Ark Condominium, 92 Santa Monica St., Mandaluyong City; 3) Mr. Jose N. Romblon, Unit C, 3rd Fl., Temple Place II, 21, Marikina St., Diliman, Quezon City; 4) The Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, EDSA, Mandaluyong City; 5) Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company, Metropolitan Plaza, San Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City; 6) Equitable PCI Bank, Robinsons - PCI Tower, ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

SO ORDERED.
Binangonan, Rizal, 11 November 2004.
(Sgd.) AUGUSTO T. GUTIERREZ
Presiding Judge
(PDI-Nov 28 & Dec 2, 2004)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC. Bldg., RDBA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

IN THE MATTER OF THE
PRUDENTIAL LIFE FIXED INCOME FUND, INC.
SEC-CFO ORDER NO. 160
SERIES OF 2004

ORDER

Upon consideration of the Registration Statement and other papers and documents attached thereto filed for and on behalf of PRUDENTIAL LIFE FIXED INCOME FUND, INC. the Commission in its meeting of November 25, 2004 resolved to approve the registration of said corporation as an investment company under the Investment Company Act and to implement the Rules and Regulations and to render effective its Registration Statement covering the Two Hundred Million (200,000,000) common shares under the Securities Regulation Code.

A Certificate of Permit to Offer Securities For Sale authorizing the sale of said securities is issued with this Order.

Let this ORDER be published at the expense of the corporation once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines within ten (10) days from date hereof. The corporation is hereby directed to furnish the Commission with a copy of the affidavit of publication of this ORDER.

SO ORDERED
EDSA, Greenhills, City of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines.
25 November 2004
(Sgd.) JUSTINA F. CALLANGAN
Director
(PDI-Dec 2 & 3, 2004)

OBITUARIES

Adela Salayo-Torres

(Widow of the late Mayor Fidel V. Torres of Sampaloc, Quezon)

Has gone to her eternal rest in the peace of our Lord on December 1, 2004 at the age of 80.

Her beloved children: Agnes & Noriel Devanadera, Grace & Lito Lim, Naning & Lolet, Ebet & Anna Marie, Marian & Edong Hugo, Sonjie, Brigitte, Jun & Miles, Beth & Lorenz Suarez, Mary Jane & Benedict Valdecañas, grandchildren and great grandchildren request prayers for her everlasting joy in the company of the Angels and the Saints.

Her body lies in state at the Mortuary and Crematory at the Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio. Interment will be on December 5, 2004 at the Heritage Park after the 9:00am mass.

VENERANDO "BENNY" BERNARDO JOSON

of Ilag Batiwag, Quezon NE and Mabini St., Cabanatuan City

(August 25, 1954 - November 27, 2004)

His loving wife : Noneth Hipolito Joson

Children : Kathryna Meneses - Manuel G. Chua, Jr.
Karine Camille
Kaivin Vernet
Kleana Isabelle

Grandchild : Klarine Angela

Mother : Brigida Bernardo Joson

Brothers, sisters, and brothers and sisters-in-law request the pious readers to join them in expressing thanks to the Lord for his life - a loving and faithful husband, father, brother, and son.

His cremated remains will be interred after a Holy Mass is celebrated in his memory at St. Nicholas de Tolentine Crypt, Lakewood City, Cabanatuan City at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 4, 2004.

Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

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Sra Dña Margarita Cuyugan

vda. de Ernesto von Oppen †

entregó su alma a Dios el día 1 de diciembre de 2004

Sus apenados hijos Gretchen, Antonio, Vicky y Alejandro ; sus hijos políticos Danding Cojuangco y Cecile Jamora; sus nietos Mark y Kimi Cojuangco, Tina y Mike Barrera, Lisa y Nick Cruz, Charlie y Rio † Cojuangco, Rina Oppen, Marita y Mike Hofileña, Cindy Oppen y Ness Oppen, Trisha y Marty Syquia, Janine Santos y Nikki Revilla, viznietos Danielle, Paola y Eduardo Cojuangco, Teddy, Michelle, Ernesto y Monica Barrera, Patricia, Santiago y Sophia Cruz, Claudia y Jaime Cojuangco, Tara Oppen, Miggy Lopez, Marco Hofileña y Sancho Syquia.

ruegan una oracion por su alma

El velatorio será en su residencia
 2227 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

El funeral se celebrará el día 7 de Diciembre de 2004
 a las nueve y media, Christ the King,
 Green Meadows, Quezon City.

El entierro sera despues de la misa.

En lugar de flores y tarjetas de misas, envíen donaciones a las hermanas Franciscanas de San Antonio, Casa de Providencia Pontevedra, Negros Occidental.

The faculty of Medicine and Surgery Class 1980 of the University of Sto. Tomas
 express our deepest sympathy to the family of

PAUL ESTRADA PONCIANO, M.D.

He is survived by his wife Josefina; children Paulo Jose, Randolph, Pauline, Jocelyn & Ivan; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Christ the King Church, Greenmeadows, Quezon City.
 Cremation will follow after the 9:00 a.m. Mass tomorrow, December 4, 2004.

ERNESTO MANAHAN CRUZ

Peacefully joined his Creator
 on November 29, 2004 at the age of 78.

His bereaved wife Cesia Bugayong; children Eileen & Fernando Florendo, Eric & Josephine, Lorna & Jose Garrido, Raul & Grace and Thomas & Judy Virgilina; grandchildren Ejane, Kristofer, Bridget, Stephanie, Michael, Matthew, Timmy and Joseph, and all relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Chapel D, La Funeraria Paz, Inc., G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Sunday, December 5, 2004,
 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City
 after the 1:00 p.m. Mass.

"Absent from the body is present with the Lord ...
 and he will dwell in the house of the Lord."

GOV. Ka BART L. MARASIGAN

of Oriental Mindoro

Peacefully joined his Creator
 on December 1, 2004 at the age of 67.

He is survived by his wife REMY, children MURPHY & BORIE, VLADY & GENI, MIRALIE & ALEX, TOMY, MARICHU and grandchildren.

His remains lie in state
 at the Arlington Memorial Chapels,
 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City
 and will be transferred to Calapan City
 on December 4, 2004.

Interment to be announced later.

Message of Thanks

We, the Family,
 Former & Present Employees
 of the late

CONSUELO M. VALDERRAMA

would like to thank all
 who condoled with us, offered masses
 and prayers, sent flowers and messages,
 and comforted us during the hour
 of our bereavement, may the Lord
 bless you all.

ERLINDA DE CASTRO GUTIERREZ

Born: May 19, 1934

Peacefully joined her Creator on November 30, 2004.

Her bereaved family husband Francisco Gutierrez;
 children Irel & Mercy, Cynthia, Butch, John, Louie & Magnolia,
 Arlene & Misael, grandchildren Trisha, Sam, Maxine, Benedict,
 Pia, Jacob, brother Eddie & Cita, sisters-in-law Cres,
 Penny & Cosme, brother-in-law Peping (+) & Liliang,
 and other relatives request the pious readers to pray
 for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels,
 Sucat, Parañaque.

Interment will be on Saturday, December 4, 2004 at the
 Loyola Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque
 after the 2:00 p.m. Mass

Asia stocks up, dollar at new low

SINGAPORE—Asian shares touched multi-year highs on Thursday, in line with Wall Street, as a 7.4 percent crude oil price slump and strong US economic data swept aside export worries even as the dollar hit a new low against the euro.

US crude prices fell more than \$3.5 a barrel overnight for their biggest slide in three years on a larger-than-expected increase in US fuel stocks, but they steadied above \$45 a barrel in Asian trade.

European stock markets were indicated higher. Hong Kong's Hang Seng hit a three-and-a-half-year high, and an MSCI index of non-Japan shares rose more than 1.4 percent to its highest level in nearly five years.

World stocks as measured by the MSCI added 0.43 percent to 278.16, down slightly from its highest level since mid-2001 reached earlier in the session.

Japanese government bonds rose, reversing an early slide, as strong demand at an auction of 10-year securities outweighed the damping effect of a 1.75-percent climb in Tokyo shares to 10,973.07.

The lower dollar helped push gold to a new 16-year high, and US Treasuries steadied after falls overnight.

The dollar slipped to \$1.3370 against the euro, a record low, as concerns about the United States' twin deficits piled on the selling pressure and outweighed any impact from the data.

"Nobody seems to care about the economic data," said Marshall Gittler, senior currency strategist at Deutsche Bank in Tokyo. "That indicates sentiment for the dollar is seriously, seriously bearish."

The euro was at \$1.3363 in late Asia trade. The yen was trading at 102.17 per dollar, just off a 4-1/2-year high of 102.15. Sterling fetched \$1.9345, near a 12-year high struck late on Wednesday of \$1.9359.

US light crude for January edged up 12 cents to \$45.61 a barrel in Asia after sliding more than \$3.50 on Wednesday.

The selling trigger was data from the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) which said distillate stocks, including heating oil and diesel, rose 2.3 million barrels in the week to Nov. 26 to 117.9 million barrels.

Analysts polled by Reuters had projected a 1.4 million barrel build.

Stocks were supported by the crude price fall. High prices this year have weighed heavily on fuel users, and on global economic

prospects.

The US data that did so little for the greenback also underpinned share gains.

Asian investors moved into stock sectors that were hard hit in recent days.

"Their targets are high-tech and other exporters which have been a bit oversold," said Kouichi Seki, equity manager at Chuo Securities.

In Japan, Toyota Motor bounced up 1.57 percent from Wednesday's seven-month closing low. In Korea, LG Electronics climbed 2.2 percent, and Hong Kong-listed China Southern Airlines climbed 2.4 percent among strong airlines as fuel cost worries eased.

But the crude price fall took its toll on energy stocks.

Japan's AOC Holdings shed 4.4 percent and Inpex slipped 2.3 percent, while Australia's Woodside Petroleum fell 0.94 percent and Hong Kong-listed Chinese firm CNOOC dropped 1.7 percent.

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Japan's top smelter of nonferrous metals, including copper and gold, benefited from strong gold and the weak dollar, climbing 1.6 percent.

Singapore's Straits Times added 1.27 percent, and Taiwan's benchmark index climbed 1.2 percent.



A SOUTH Korean employee wearing a snowman outfit to help promote Christmas already using the Christmas and New Year holiday season to promote their business.

Top US execs' outlook down a notch, but still positive on 2005 growth

WASHINGTON—Top executives at major US firms have ratcheted down their economic forecasts for the coming months, but still see respectable growth in 2005, a survey showed Wednesday.

The Business Roundtable CEO Economic Outlook Index dipped to 98.9 from 101.7 in September.

Despite the dip, it was the second-highest index level for the survey, which was started in November 2002.

The drop of 2.8 points in the index reflects a somewhat less robust employment outlook and a decline in the sales outlook since the September 2004 survey.

"America's CEOs continue to be upbeat about business conditions for early 2005," said Hank McKinnell, chairman of Business Roundtable and chairman and CEO

of Pfizer Inc.

The CEOs in the survey, which represent the largest US corporations, see an average of 3.5 percent economic growth as they draw up their business plans for 2005, down slightly from an estimated 4 percent in 2004.

"CEOs are forecasting continuing solid growth with a slight easing from the robust growth of 2004," McKinnell said.

"This is most likely due to high oil prices, which increase costs to many companies and force consumers to spend more on gasoline and heating oil, and to trim other expenditures," he said.

In the survey, 85 percent of the chief executives said they expected higher sales at their firms in the next six months, with 13 percent predicting no change and on-

ly 2 percent forecasting a decline.

But only 40 percent said they planned to hire more employees, with the same percentage saying they saw stable employment.

One out of five said he expected fewer jobs.

Half said they expected to increase capital spending, and 43 percent said this would hold steady over the next six months.

For the second year in a row, CEOs reported that their top three cost pressures are health care costs (cited by 43 percent), followed by litigation costs (20 percent) and energy prices (19 percent).

Materials prices were reported as the greatest cost pressure by 11 percent of the CEOs, followed by labor costs (4 percent) and pension costs (4 percent).

S. Korea business sentiment lowest in 20 months

SEOUL—South Korean business sentiment fell to its weakest in 20 months in December, as a strong won cast a shadow over the prospects for exports and domestic demand remained weak, a top business group said on Thursday.

The Federation of Korean Industries (FKI) said in a statement its seasonally adjusted business survey index fell to 90.1 in December, the lowest since touching 81.9 in April last year and down from 96.2 in November.

The data was the latest in a series of indicators showing the economy, Asia's third largest, still faced a dual risk from a two-year slump in private consumption and a cooling in exports.

A similar survey by the central bank on Wednesday also showed the majority of firms remained pessimistic about their future business conditions. The Bank of Korea's all-industry business survey index edged down to 71 in December from 73 in November.

A reading below 100 in both surveys mean the number of companies expecting their business to

worsen outpaced those expecting an improvement.

The bleak surveys came after October industrial production data and November inflation figures released this week provided the central bank with more scope to deliver a fresh cut in interest rates to keep the economy on a recovery track.

October industrial production unexpectedly dropped 0.9 percent from September after seasonal adjustments while the consumer inflation fell to a six-month low of 3.3 percent in the year through November from October's 3.8 percent.

The Bank of Korea, which cut the overnight call rate target by one percentage point to a record low of 3.25 percent since early last year, holds its monthly policy meeting next Thursday.

The head of the International Monetary Fund's Seoul office, Kenneth Kang, said at a private forum on Thursday South Korea had room to ease monetary policy and expand fiscal spending to boost the economy.

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US economy picking up, Fed says

WASHINGTON—The US economy is gaining momentum, bolstered by home building, shipping and even the country's beleaguered manufacturing sector, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in a newly upbeat assessment.

Evidence of a strengthening economy showed up in other reports as well.

The Commerce Department said consumer spending shot up by 0.7 percent in October, the best showing since July, as Americans' incomes, the fuel for future spending, rose by 0.6 percent.

The gain in incomes reflected the big increase of 337,000 payroll jobs in October, the best in seven months.

Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management reported that its main index for measuring industrial activity performed better than expected, rising to 57.8 in November from 56.8 in October.

The Federal Reserve said that reports from its 12 regions "generally paint a picture of continued economic growth" from mid-October through mid-November with improvements noted in a number of areas.

The Fed's latest "Beige Book," named for the color of its cover, will be used when policy-makers meet for their last discussion of the

year on Dec. 14.

It is widely expected that the Fed will raise interest rates for a fifth straight time this year in an effort to make sure that the rebounding economy does not trigger unwanted inflation.

The reviving economy has been having an impact on inflation in such industries as energy, transportation and food, but the Fed said retailers are still having difficulty passing those increased costs on to consumers because of stiff competition.

The Fed survey showed rising demand for manufactured goods, encouraging news for a portion of the economy that has seen the loss of 2.7 million jobs over the past four years.

There was rising demand for chemicals, food and a variety of products used in the aerospace, agriculture, energy, construction, medical and defense industries, the report said.

The rebound in manufacturing was helping job markets, and some areas of the country were even experiencing labor shortages for such occupations as accounting, construction and skilled professionals in the energy industry.

As for consumer spending, analysts said the 0.7-percent jump after a strong 0.6-percent rise in September showed that consumers, who ac-

count for two-thirds of total economic activity, were getting a second wind.

"Consumers were not deterred by higher oil prices and by consumer confidence numbers that keep on going lower," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

The overall economy grew at a solid 3.9 percent rate in the July-September period, and based on Wednesday's reports many analysts said that growth this quarter could be even better.

Wednesday's spending report showed that consumer spending on big-ticket durable goods such as cars, rose just 0.2 percent in October after a 1.2-percent gain in September.

The Fed survey, which covered the last half of October and early November, indicated that consumer spending may have faltered a bit in November, calling activity "uneven." The Fed said that many districts found demand for premium merchandise noticeably stronger than for lower-priced lines, which the report said could indicate that higher energy prices were hurting lower-income households.

Things were looking up on the nation's farms with large yields expected for corn and soybean farmers and record cotton production forecast for Texas. **AP**



sales greets children at a discount store in Seoul. Many shops are open in the hopes that they will boost sales at the end of the year. **AP**

Motorola drops to third in cell phones; Nokia remains leader

CHICAGO—Five years after losing the lead in world cell phone sales to Nokia Corp., Motorola Inc. slipped to No. 3 behind Samsung Electronics Co. in third-quarter data released Wednesday by research firm Gartner Inc.

The new figures reflect a near dead-heat for the runner-up spot, with Samsung holding 13.8 percent of the global handset market to 13.4 percent for Motorola.

The full-year rankings remain up for grabs.

But Motorola's decline in market share underscores how important it is for the Schaumburg, Illinois-based company to score big in the all-important holiday selling season if it wants to regain credibility lost with consumers through years of product missteps and flawed strategy.

According to the Gartner data, runaway leader Nokia boosted its market share by more than a percentage point from the second quarter to 30.9 percent as it benefited from price cuts on its new models.

Motorola's share was down 1.3 percent from a year earlier as it focused on more expensive phones with bigger profit potential. But the Gartner report said the company's portfolio of newly introduced products "puts it in a good position to fight back for second position in the fourth quarter."

First-year CEO Ed Zander portrays Motorola as still in comeback mode, gaining in profitability if not in mobile phone market share. But he told analysts the company feels good about its chances of picking up more market share this quarter with the array of 20 new phones it shipped

this quarter.

"We're a healthier, stronger, more profitable company" than a year ago, Zander said at a conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. And, without giving numbers, he hinted at early success for the company's new \$500 (376 euro) Razzr phone: "We've got the hottest product, I think, on the planet right now in the handset business."

Wall Street also appears optimistic about Motorola's prospects, particularly since the company appears to have avoided a repeat of last year's holiday mix-up when it failed to get some key camera phones to shelves by Christmas. Shares rose 49 cents, or 2.5 percent, to close at \$19.75 on the New York Stock Exchange and have gained more than 20 percent since early November.

"Even if they're No. 3 but they

have very solid, profitable growth, that would be fine with us," said Kenneth Leon, an analyst for Standard and Poor's. "The management is much more focused on profitable growth than seeking sales just for market share."

Leon anticipates Motorola picking up market share from Samsung with increased sales over the holidays.

Analyst Kevin Dede also sees signs the company is about to turn the tide somewhat.

"The trend's been against Motorola for a long time, and the competition's super-tough," said Dede, of Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. "But I think they've got their act together for developing functional product that's easier to use. With consumer electronics, part of it is buzz. And I think Motorola's starting to get the buzz back." **AP**



NOKIA, the world's largest mobile phone maker, announced on Wednesday that it was considering building a handset factory in India. **AP**





HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND

8th Floor Pacific Center Bldg., San Miguel Avenue
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

INVITATION TO BID

The Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF) Bidding Committee shall conduct a public bidding for the sale of the following acquired residential properties on December 23, THURSDAY, 2:00 PM at 8th FLR., Pacific Center Bldg., San Miguel Avenue Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY	TCT NO	FLOOR AREA	LOT AREA	MINIMUM BID
BULACAN AREA				
BELMONT PARK VILLAGE				
So. Cuyayanen Sta. Maria Bulacan				
1 BLK 15 LOT 30	T-458000	22.08	38.00	285,470.00
CARISMA HOMES NORTH				
So. Sta. Cruz Sta. Jose Del Monte Bulacan				
2 BLK 01 LOT 04 PH 50	T-35287P (M)	20.02	35.00	179,182.37
CITYVILLE HOMES				
So. Yungking Mangga, San Jose Del Monte Bulacan				
3 BLK 08 LOT 05	T-202748(M)	31.50	35.00	230,325.95
4 BLK 10 LOT 08	T-202832(M)	31.50	35.00	233,325.95
HARMONY HILLS SUBD				
So. Muzon San Jose Del Monte Bulacan				
5 BLK 02 LOT 02 PH I	T-195568(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.02
6 BLK 02 LOT 04 PH I	T-197220(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.02
7 BLK 02 LOT 06 PH I	T-197277 (M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.02
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10 BLK 02 LOT 12 PH I	T-197702(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.02
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13 BLK 02 LOT 18 PH I	T-197702(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.02
14 BLK 02 LOT 20 PH I	T-197702(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.02
15 BLK 02 LOT 22 PH I	T-197702(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.02
16 BLK 02 LOT 24 PH I	T-197702(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.02
MELODY PLAINS SUBD				
So. Sta. Maria Meynayan Bulacan				
17 BLK 14 LOT 22	T-243820(M)	20.16	38.00	192,524.53
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23 BLK 14 LOT 34	T-243820(M)	20.16	38.00	192,524.53
24 BLK 14 LOT 36	T-243820(M)	20.16	38.00	192,524.53
NORTHEDGE				
So. Sta. Cruz SJDM Bulacan				
25 BLK 05 LOT 37	T-383794(M)	35.00	44.00	276,355.25
NORTHWINDS CITY				
So. Sta. Cruz SJDM Bulacan				
26 BLK 09 LOT 10 PH 40	T-552868(M)	25.00	35.00	276,119.84
27 BLK 07 LOT 18 PH 38	T-272865(M)	25.00	35.00	236,455.33
SARMENTO HOMES				
So. Muzon SJDM Bulacan				
28 BLK 22 LOT 37	T-238487(M)	26.40	38.00	341,075.20
29 BLK 22 LOT 39	T-238487(M)	26.40	38.00	341,075.20
30 BLK 21 LOT 08	T-235768(M)	26.72	40.00	226,740.84
31 BLK 20 LOT 45	T-235768(M)	26.40	40.00	224,332.80
WOODBRIDGE				
So. Poblacion Pinal Bulacan				
32 BLK 14 LOT 07	T-353888(M)	20.08	42.00	151,306.12
CAVITE AREA				
ARMSTRONG VILLAGE				
So. Salawag, Dasmariñas Cavite				
33 BLK 02 LOT 07	T-543426	21.00	38.00	188,418.13
34 BLK 04 LOT 18	T-543588	21.00	38.00	188,418.13
BELLEVUE MEADOWS				
So. Baguio Tanza Cavite				
35 BLK 01 LOT 09 SEC 33	T-805186	25.16	38.00	188,382.01
36 BLK 05 LOT 13 SEC 34	T-805423	25.16	38.00	172,434.88
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So. Pasong Kawayan Gen Trina Cavite				
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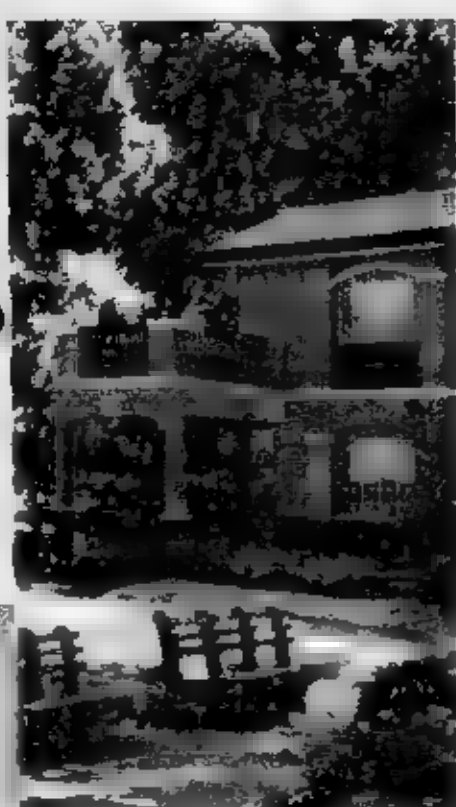
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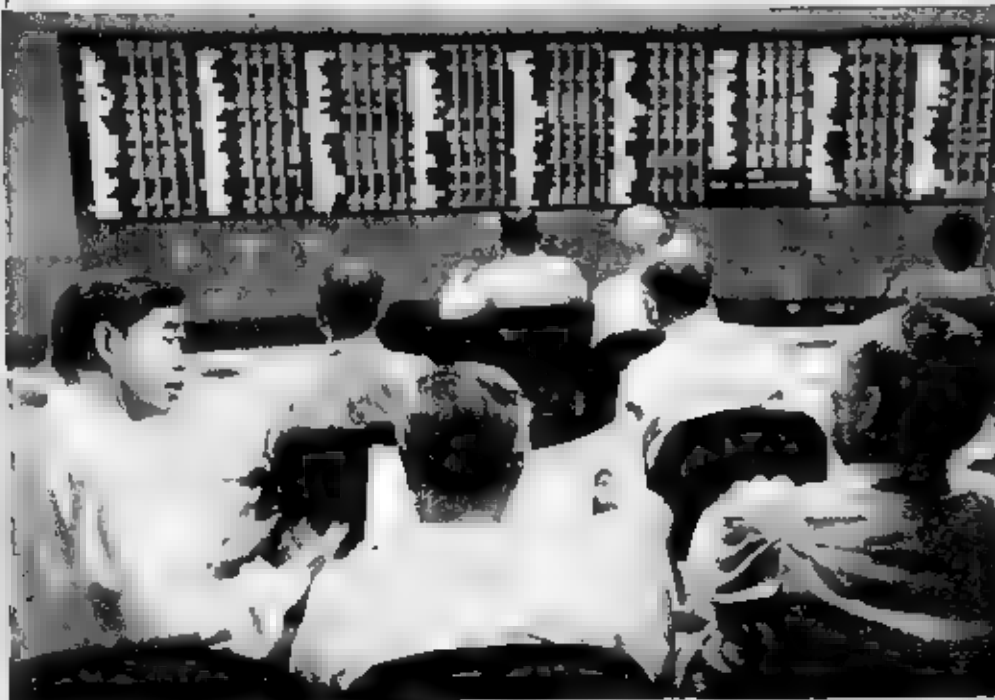
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GM, Ford cut production

DETROIT—General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. said on Wednesday they will cut production more than expected after weaker US sales in November, which analysts said could hurt profits.

Even as they rolled out more lucrative incentives this year, GM and Ford struggled with growing inventories of unsold vehicles as sales of their aging car lineups slipped and consumer tastes shifted from their stable of large sport utility vehicles.

The Chrysler side of DaimlerChrysler and many of the larger foreign automakers such as Toyota Motor Corp., Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. and Honda Motor Co. Ltd. reported stronger November sales.

"I think it will produce lower year-to-year earnings in the first quarter," said Burnham Securities analyst David Healy, referring to the GM and Ford production cuts.

"For every unit they cut out of their production schedule, there goes \$4,000 to \$4,500 out of pretax earnings—and that's going to be hard to make up elsewhere."

Wall Street closely watches vehicle production because automakers count earnings from cars and trucks when they are manufactured and shipped to dealers, rather than when they are sold off dealer lots.

GM, the world's largest automaker, said it expects to manufacture 95,000 fewer vehicles in North America in the first quarter next year, down about 7.1 percent from the first quarter this year.

Analysts had generally expected GM to cut production by around 6 percent.

GM's US sales, excluding its Saab brand and some medium- and heavy-duty trucks, fell 13 percent in November to 297,355 cars and trucks.

Consumers may have postponed purchases until December, when GM and other automakers traditionally launch year-end incentives, analysts said.

All sales results are adjusted for an extra selling day in November last year.

Ford, the second largest US automaker, said it expects vehicle production in North America during the first quarter next year to fall by 78,000 cars and trucks, or nearly 8 percent.

Analysts had expected Ford to cut production about 5 or 6 percent.

"The slightly softer-than-expected production (cut) will weigh on the stock in the near-term, but we think the market will be reassured by what looks like healthy new model momentum at Ford's passenger car business," JP Morgan analyst Himanshu Patel said in a research note, referring to Ford's recent car launches. Reuters



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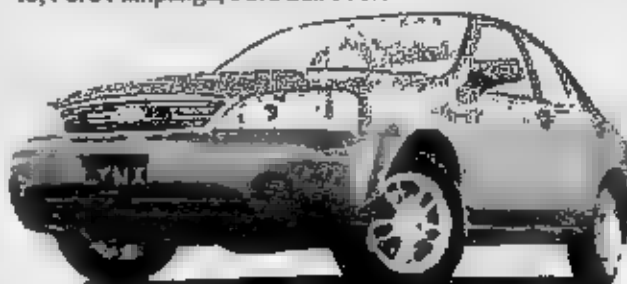
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Editor Arles Espinosa

Sunnex is traveling chef's constant companion

WHENEVER cooking expert Dorothy Ferreria brings culinary teaching outside the classroom, her favorite brand Sunnex is there to lend a hand. Both Dorothy and Sunnex are innovators in a very competitive, creative industry, and the two likewise share a commitment to make the culinary arts more accessible to a wider audience. Among many pioneering efforts, Sunnex is first to distribute the copper sandwich bottom cookware, a technology that ensures even and rapid heat distribution, in the mass-market level. Dorothy, on the other hand, has embarked on a new culinary challenge by bringing culinary instruction outside the Manila-based classroom, closer to where people are.

Dorothy started as a guest demonstrator for the Maya Kitchens and in April 1990, opened her very own "Dorothy's Cooking School." The

school in Manila became so successful that cooking enthusiasts in the provinces wanted so much to participate but could not as they were often faced with accessibility and funding problems. Dorothy recognized that there was a niche to fill—the need to conduct affordable culinary classes in various areas nationwide. She then established the Traveling Cooking School in the Philippines, a cooking school on tour that offers culinary classes at very affordable rates. The traveling chef prefers Sunnex over other brands because "it is thick-gauged, which means that food will be cooked properly whereas a thin cookware can cause ingredients to cook at a faster rate, at the risk of browning too fast." Dorothy uses Sunnex in her cooking school tours because she believes in the product. "I use it in my classes for

students to see, and experience the difference Sunnex makes in cooking."

The traveling school is busy with scheduled demonstrations in key cities in Luzon and Visayas, and has been partnering with local organizations and companies to get to as many cooking aficionados as possible. When creating divine dishes in her own kitchen, in her classroom or during a traveling cooking class, Dorothy Ferreria relies on Sunnex, her constant culinary companion. Economical, durable and convenient to use, Sunnex products passed strict global sanitation standards and has been certified by the one of the world's most respected certification providers, the National Sanitation Foundation International. Sunnex is available in leading department stores nationwide.



EPLDT, ARELLANO UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE

ePLDT, the information and communication technology arm of the PLDT Group, through its Parlane and Vocativ Call Centers, recently forged an alliance with Arellano University on the implementation of a customer service representative training program for Arellano University's selected fourth year college students. This course focuses on call center fundamentals to equip students with the skills for prospective employment in ePLDT's call centers as CSRs. At the contract signing are (seated from left): Rosalee R. Montanegro, PLDT senior vice president

for call center business group and concurrent student of Parlane and Vocativ Call Centers; Dr. Hilarisco P. V. Cayco, Arellano University chair of the board and CEO; Estrella G. Gonzalez, PLDT senior manager for call center business group; Dr. Tere N. Rivera, Arellano University dean of Institute of Arts; Marigrace M. Lapitan, PLDT AVP and call center head for recruitment, placement and testing; Almeda A. Alendro, Arellano University VP for Academics and Mario F. Sales, Arellano University VP for Institute of Business Administration.



CUP CITES PHILIPS FOR TOP HOME VIDEO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM

Philips Consumer Electronics, Europe's no. 1 consumer electronics company, recently received the award for 'Outstanding Home Video Entertainment System' from the Consumers Union of the Philippines (CUP) at the 15th Annual National Consumers Awards (Anca). CUP is a non-profit organization that aims to help and protect consumers from all forms of unfair trade practices and has initiated An-

ca to honor private and public firms that have served well through quality consumer services and excellent product lines in the country. Photo shows (from left) CUP president lawyer Quirino Marquez; Philips audio-video product manager Rie Nuñez; CUP secretary general Lily Nicholas; Bishop Sonia Jim; Philips connected displays product manager Mark Sta. Maria during the awarding ceremony.

Dream Satellite TV joins pilot DepEd project

DREAM Satellite TV, the country's first and only satellite TV broadcasting company recently joined the Department of Education and other socially conscious private corporations in the Text2Teach project. Text2Teach is part of a global program called Bridget, which provides teachers, youth workers and other youth-serving professionals with wireless technological tools to supplement traditional teaching practices. The program integrates mobile phone communications with digital satellite broadcasting and digital recording technology to transmit video materials directly to classrooms for the use of teachers in teaching science. First, the teacher orders the video materials through SMS or text messaging on a mobile phone. The materials are then directly transmitted via satellite to the pilot schools. And finally, the video materials are digitally recorded for the use of science teachers in their classes. The program was made to specifically focus on science subject teachers and students in the grade 5 and 6 levels. So far, 12 pilot schools have been initially targeted. Through the program, the proponents are aiming to enhance the basic education learning in science; to train science teachers, school heads and school division supervisors; develop a blue print model to deliver digital content to science classes in the Philippines; test the viability and tenacity of the model and collate data that would guide and sustain the use and delivery of digital educational content.



NUMBER ONE PIZZA CHAIN

Shakey's receives the Philippine Business Excellence Award for being the No. 1 pizza chain from the Awards and Recognition Association of the Philippines as it salutes outstanding companies who have significant contributions to the empowerment of Filipino consumers. This award is based on consumer assessment through research on company reputation, brand recogni-

tion, product quality, and consumer services. Shown receiving the award is operations manager Arnel Illana (holding award). Shakey's continues to give you great food, great service, great value, great advice because Nothing Shakes like Shakey's. For those who would rather stay in than eat out, a Shakey's meal is just a phone call away. Just dial 533-8000.

Imation's new 16x DVD+R media

IMATION Corp., a worldwide leader in removable data storage media, announced the addition of 4.7GB 16x DVD+R discs to its broad portfolio of optical media products. With Imation's new 16x DVD+R media, consumers and business users can record a disc to full capacity in about 5 minutes—nearly half the time required to fill a current 8x DVD+R disc. Paired with new high-speed 16x DVD drives on the market today, users will save time recording videos, photos, data and other digital information at the fastest recording speeds available. Users can store large-capacity video and computer files with Imation's new 16x DVD+R media—transferring up to two hours of VHS movies, saving thousands of digital photos, or backing up gigabytes of data, in about five minutes with a 16x DVD burner. The new media can be played back in any DVD player or DVD drive.

"Demand is being fueled by escalating adoption of DVD video applications and strong growth in DVR/DVD set-top boxes. Users want high-quality discs with the fastest burning capabilities possible," said Nancy Tan, Managing Director of Imation South Asia Region. Imation's new 16x DVD+R discs makes it easy for consumers to permanently capture all their digital information—whether video, photo, music or data file—with speed and quality that is unsurpassed in the industry today," Tan stressed. Imation 16x DVD+R discs will be available in jewel case and spindle packs. For more information on Imation's complete line of DVD media, go to: www.imation-southasia.com.

Chowking's Christmas album

CHOWKING has a special present for its customers this Christmas. The fast food chain announced that it is giving away a Christmas compact disc to lucky customers. The album, titled "Chowking Acoustic Christmas Carols," is a collection of all Christmas songs and carols all specially performed and recorded in the popular acoustic arrangement for Chowking. To avail themselves of a free copy, customers can present his Chowking receipt to the counter and he will immediately be given a chance to draw the winning stub containing the message "Congratulations, you've won a Chowking Acoustic Christmas Carols CD."

Aside from the CD, a Christmas songbook with a 2005 calendar will also be given away. No minimum amount is required. The promo runs until today, Dec. 3, only.

'Delightful December'

"PACO Park Presents" opens its "Delightful December" with baritone Jesus Emmanuel Baang and pianist Adrian Semaclo today, Dec. 3, starting at 6 p.m. at historic Paco Park in San Marcelino, Manila. Thea Paraz hosts this regular project of the National Parks Development Committee under the helm of executive director Carito S. Fajardo. "Paco Park Presents" is regularly aired on Channel 4 every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Morris

Parades directs for TV from a script by Gio V. Arnold. Admission to "Paco Park Presents" is free of charge.

Gift Ideas from EK

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Clips

Padre Pio's healing services

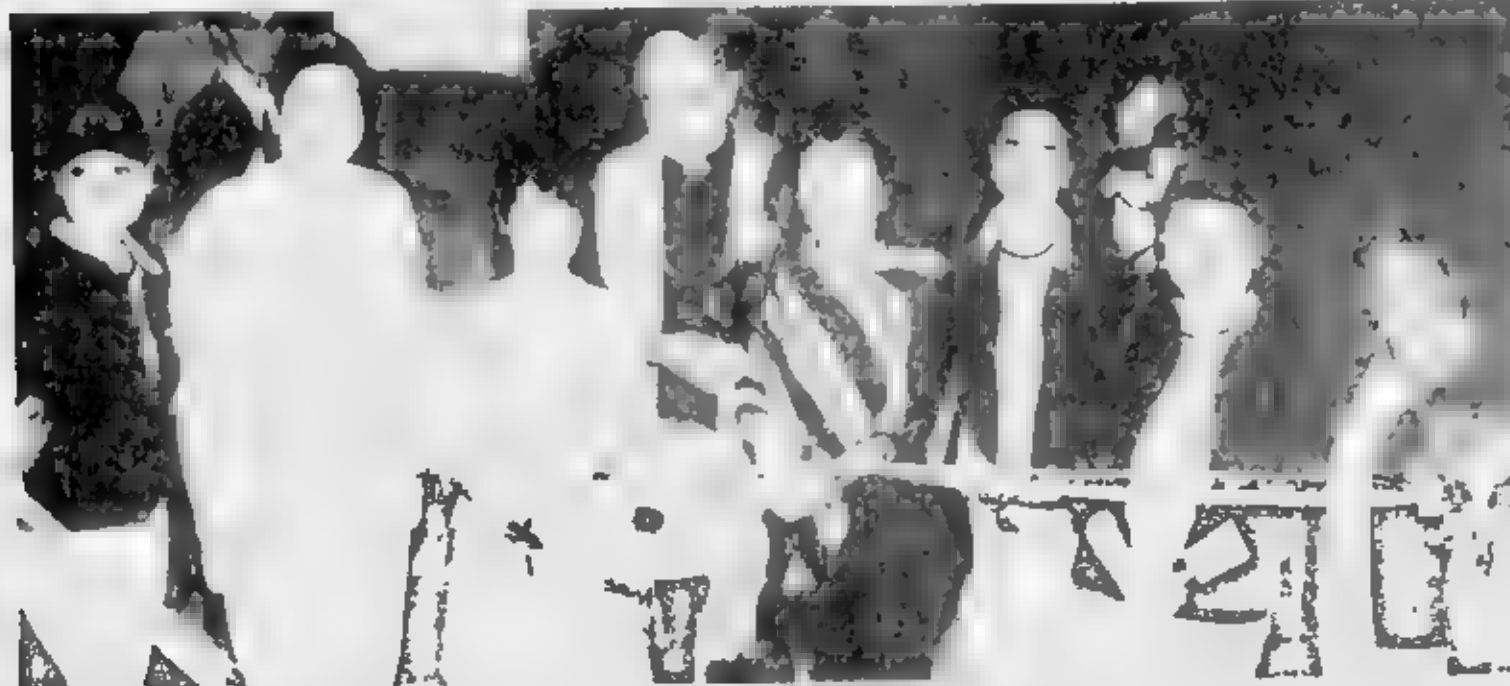
EVERYONE is invited to experience the healing love of Christ during the Eucharistic Celebration and Healing Services on Friday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the multi-purpose hall of the Publishing Compound, Simon Street, Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City. The Eucharistic Celebration Healing Services will be presided by Fr. John Inocencio, a very anointed healing priest. During the healing services, the actual gloves of the modern day saint, Padre Pio, will be exposed. Padre Pio is known for miraculous healings performed during his lifetime. The event is organized and sponsored by the Servants of the Good Shepherd, a member of the Federation of Transparochial Catholic Charities Communities.

Dumex signs Donita as website host

DUMEX, a leading milk company across Asia and headquartered in Singapore, has brought popular TV personality Donita Rose to live as a virtual host on the company's www.youngnutrition.net website (www.youngnutrition.net). Youngnutrition.net has been providing Asian parents with free expert advice and information on growing healthy and bright babies since 2001.

Dumex chose Donita as the virtual host for the website because as a new first time mother, she reflects the joy and zeal of motherhood. In addition, Donita is also well known to a new generation of young mothers across Southeast Asia because of her stint as a popular VJ on MTV Asia. In her home country, the Philippines,

Donita is also a popular endorser of reputable consumer brands because of her wholesome image and vibrant personality. Dumex is happy to be closely associated with Donita during this special period in her life as a new mother of a 1-year-old boy. As a virtual host, Donita will be viewed and heard in various snippets throughout the website introducing and explaining to parents the various content highlights, contents and expert services on nutrition. She can also be seen recommending brand new Baby Developing Checklist, which is simple to use yet provide informative information function that allows new mothers to track and monitor their babies' development during the first 12 months.



VENTURE 7 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Recently, Venture 7 had an early Christmas bazaar in October at the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Intercontinental in Makati. Lull M. Arroyo, eldest daughter of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and Baby Arenas, civic leader and philanthropist, were the guests of honor. Upon cutting the ceremonial ribbon at 8:30 a.m., many shoppers came in to do their early Christmas shopping, with an array of unique export and imported items and food. These seven ladies, Geline Bautista (president), Fanny Blanco (chair), Linda V-

edelgado, Lita Galano, Consul Fortune Ledesma, Pilita Aquino and Chit Gofina, the persons behind the past successful Christmas Bazaar projects, are truly dynamic women. They are encouraged by their successes to plan continuously one after another projects to help charities of their choice, such as the Mahaveer Foundation Inc and the Makabata Foundation. See them again on Dec. 5 at the same time and venue. For more details, call 843-9507, 372-3063, 372-3084 or 810-3307.

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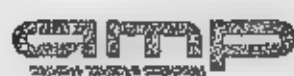
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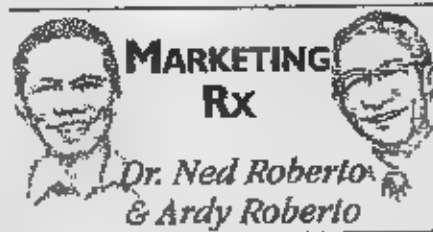
BUSINESS *Friday*

Find out people's pet peeves and you have a potential product hit

Q: I'M AN entrepreneur who makes all-purpose house cleaners and disinfectants, bleaching products, wooden furniture polisher and cleaner, air freshener, disinfectant sprays, glass cleaner, etc. I'm a chemical engineer. It was (my command) of chemistry that I used to develop my products. I'm trying to learn marketing and I've been to a good number of marketing seminars. But, every time I ask how I can find out leads and opportunities for developing new products, I get about the same answer: Find out your consumers' unmet needs, and then make the products that will satisfy those needs. I've been asking consumers what they need and are looking for in household care products. So has my market research agency. But both my research agency and myself have nothing to show by way of new product insights from all our efforts. Can you help please?"

A: You are not alone. You probably took the advice of the marketing seminar speakers too literally. Their advice is basically correct but you don't just ask a consumer, "What are your needs?" Most entrepreneurs or marketing executives don't get the answers they want that will spark a new product insight because of the way they or their market research agency asks the question.

When you ask consumers "what do you look for or need in an air freshener, an all-purpose home cleaner or a bleaching product," you are assuming that consumers know what they need or what they are



looking for in each of these products." Our own market research experience showed while consumers will answer this question, you will find nothing really new in their answers. For example, whenever we ask shampoo users what they want or look for in a shampoo, we already know what they will say and can therefore predict all their answers: cleans my hair, lathers abundantly, leaves my hair manageable, leaves my hair shiny, leaves my hair fragrant, does not cause dandruff and split ends, and the like. So in the what-need, what-look-for question, you don't uncover anything that you do not already know. And that's been the source of your frustration.

The other insight into this problem comes from new product innovators, inventors and developers. These people have long known that consumers can't tell you what they need or want or what they are looking for. The well-known and famous innovator, Akio Morita, founder of Sony, is often quoted to have said that when it comes

to finding out consumer new product needs or wants: "In Sony, we don't ask consumers what they want. They don't know. Instead we apply our brain power to what they need."

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Consumers want even more (for even less)

By Tina Arceo-Duttilao

CONSUMERS have always demanded more for less. But these days, they want even more for even less.

And consumers invariably get what they want, for the thousand choices in the market have forced many manufacturing and retail companies to bring down their selling prices, just to keep in step with competition.

This has led to thinning profit margins, a cause for serious concern among the players in the retail industry today.

Keith Newton of consulting firm Accenture said during a CEO discussion on "Addressing the Case of Thinning Margins in Asia" during the recently concluded ECR Conference in Manila, that the pressure to reduce margins was felt by both the retail and manufacturing sides of the business, and by consultants as well.

"It varies across countries and across categories, but it is true across Asia," Newton said.

Newton told the conference delegates that consumers today are emboldened by the prolifera-



MANUFACTURERS have to bring down their selling prices, just to keep in step with competition. ■ **GUMOFUNZIAN**

tion of goods to demand more of the companies that sell products and services.

But there are still ways for companies to deserve a premium price for their products. One of these is to strengthen the brand, which was defined as a "promise" by the company to deliver a superior product.

Johnnie Cua, president of Procter and Gamble Philippines, says brands always have to be reinvigorated so they offer something new to consumers.

"We look for ways to protect our brands to address thinning margins. As a big company we have a bit more leeway in spreading the margins around across the different products," Cus said.

Another way is to promote a closer collaboration between manufacturers, retailers and other players in the retail world to reduce costs and keep margins stable.

Positive friction

Randy Guttery of Robinsons Supermarket and Big R Supercenter, referred to the cooperation between manufacturers and retailers as "positive friction" that should result in savings for both major players.

Guttery said there were still differences but the level of mistrust that has been the legacy for many years is going down. There were at least efforts exerted to get past these traditional barriers in favor of transparency and cooperation.

China Howe-Lai, Unilever senior vice president for Asia, said the tenets of efficient consumer response have also taken root across Asia and are leading to cus-

former loyalty, something that all retailers aspire for in these trying times.

The ECR movement started in Asia in the '90s to get players together to fulfill consumer wishes faster and at less cost, by focusing on four areas: supply, demand, enablers and integrators.

'Win-win-win'

ECR builds business, reduces cost and increases consumer value. It is a "win-win-win" proposition for everyone, especially the consumers because they benefit in terms of better and fresher products at the right time, in the right place, and at the right price.

Chum said ECR Asia looks forward next year to furthering the vision of ECR Asia to reduce out of stock incidents by half and to deliver increased value to consumers by being responsive to their demand, improving efficiency and reducing waste and unnecessary costs.

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Tower Awards 2005 launched

THE TOWER Awards 2005 (The Outstanding Workers of the Republic) jointly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Manila, Metrobank Foundation Inc. and Peninsula Manila was launched recently.

The award is given to outstanding blue collar workers, both men and women in the fields of agriculture, fishery and forestry, communications, government, community and social services, construction, mining and quarrying, power generation and distribution, transportation, tourism and other small scale industries.

Judging will be based on skills de-

velopment; job innovation; performance in terms of quality, quantity, work and attitude; leadership; personal character and other talents.

Each winner will receive P50,000 in cash; a Tower Awards trophy; Baccalaureate Degree from the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP); full scholarship for a bachelor degree or a masteral degree, either from Central Colleges of the Philippines (CCP), Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM) or TUP transferable to the awardee's children and one week complimentary accommo-

dations at The Peninsula Manila.

Nomination forms may be obtained from Rotary Club of Manila secretariat office, 2nd floor, Delgado Building, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila or any Metrobank branch anywhere in the Philippines. Deadline for the submission of entries is March 31, 2005.

The Tower Awards 2005 is presented in cooperation with the Chinese-Filipino Business Club Inc., CCP, PLM and TUP.

For inquiries, call Noel Gonzales at 527-1889, 527-5295, 527-1885 (fax) or email nrcmla@pacific.net.ph.

Find out people's pet peeves ...

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and will want, and make sure we're there, ready."

Ask what they hate

What is this "brain power" application? It follows what consumer psychology and behavior research has discovered. And it's this: what consumers know is what they do not want, what they do not need, what they do not like, what they hate. Consumers are experts at talking about the details of their problems and concerns. When you succeed in getting consumers to talk about what's making them happy or contented, they speak in generic terms without the engaging details.

It is this consumer insight that made up the basis for the research technique that BDO, a New York ad agency, developed and branded as PDA or Problem Detection Analysis. Ed Roa introduced PDA in the Philippines in the '80s. It enjoyed a brief period of popularity. Ed headed the 1980s Unilever's house research agency, Unisearch. AC Nielsen later acquired Unisearch. Ed then headed ACN after the acquisition.

Today, the PDA question remains as the better and richer source of new product insights and idea-generating question. It asks very simply: "This product that you now use to satisfy your need for wood furniture polishing, have you at one time or another had any occasion when you were disappointed, annoyed or irritated with it? If you had, what specifically has disappointed, annoyed or irritated you about it?"

Find out the pet peeves of people and you have a potential product hit.

This is similar to the advice that Jay Bernardo, professor of entrepreneurship at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM), gives to his students: What is it that irritates you? There is a business opportunity in creating a product or ser-

vice that solves or gets rid of that irritation. AIM grad and entrepreneur, Raffi David, co-founded Pilipinas Teleserv to solve the irritation of people who had to line up and cut through so much red tape to renew a passport at the DFA or get a birth or marriage certificate from the NSO. Now all you have to do is call his DFA Direct or NSO Direct hotlines and they take care of everything. It's worth the few hundred bucks and their services have been "irritation solvers" even for us! (A classic case is the ubiquitous Post-its. We were told that Post-its were born because Art Fry, a 3M engineer, was irritated at the loose pieces of paper he used to mark the songs needed for church service that kept on falling out of his hymn book.)

The productivity record of this question for generating new products has been outstanding. It is said to have led to Akio Morita's invention of the Walkman after he asked the question of audiophiles who were listeners of stereo players and cassette tape players.

What do you hate about napkins?

The development of the sanitary napkin Whisper with wings is attributed to the answers that consumers of no-wings napkin brands gave to the PDA question. When Whisper took over market leadership, the story says Modess regained leadership because it developed and launched a napkin that features channels and wings. The idea for that new napkin came from answers that Whisper napkin users gave when asked the very same PDA question that led to the development of Whisper napkin. (Women said they were irritated with napkins that "leaked" blood from the sides.)

A creative and extended variant of asking the PDA question was also responsible for the product concept underlying the unprecedented market entry success of the feminine wash

brand, pH Care.

Users of the competitor brand, Lactacyd, were asked the PDA question. The insight into feminine wash users' need for a non-drying, non-itchy, and non-UTI causing wash came out from the answers. Then the company's new product development scientists were asked a PDA extension question: "In Lactacyd, what can disappoint, annoy and irritate its users if they actually use it daily?" The compelling pH Care product claim about pH balance came out of the laboratory tests and analyses addressing the PDA extension question. The lab tests discovered that Lactacyd had the wrong pH balance. This incorrect pH balance was found to be the source of the product's skin-drying, itchy-producing, and UTI-causing incidences. This is what Alco Morita meant when he said: "We will apply our brain power on what consumers ... will want" or can be made to want. (That's the essence of being market-driving instead of market-driven.)

To students and clients who are using research for product and market opportunity search, we used to say this: "If you don't ask the question, you won't get the answer." After our research experience had shown that it's not just a matter of asking a question, we've modified that advice and now say: "If you don't ask the CORRECT question, you won't get the CORRECT answer."

So believe in the power of the correct question and learn to ask it. It's your consumer "insighter" for new product ideas and opportunities.

Erratum! Our apologies to the Taco Bell people and Grace Magno of the Araneta Group who owns the Taco Bell franchise in the Philippines. In last week's column, we gave the impression that Taco Bell in Singapore closed. Taco Bell remains open in the Lion City.

Feedback at mrxpdi@PLDTdsl.net or at eroberto@PLDTdsl.net

By Romulo S. Danaso
and Ronald Steven Arriagada
SGV & Co.

FROM the time the Philippines was dubbed one of the emerging "Tiger Economies" (during the presidency of Fidel Ramos) of the Southeast Asian Region, the Philippine government, specifically the Board of Investments (BOI), has been keen on finding ways to pole-vault our "tiger-cub" economy into the 21st century.

The BOI issued the specific guidelines to implement the 2004 Investments Priorities Plan (IPP). The IPP is formulated yearly by the BOI by listing several economic activities that the BOI deems to be given preference. The list of economic activities, if undertaken by local and foreign investors, serves as a conduit in the continuation of the Philippine's economic reform programs. The need for the efficient implementation of these programs are crucial for continuous industrial development, an increase in foreign direct investments, the acceleration of export sales, and the dispersal of economic growth to the countryside and congruent improvements in specific sectors.

As an incentive for investing in said preferred economic activities, the enterprise, after registering with the BOI, is usually granted an income tax holiday (ITH) for four or six years from the start of commercial operations, depending on the status of the economic activity (pioneer or non-pioneer status).

Although largely similar to the 2003 IPP, the 2004 IPP has included several innovations particularly with sustaining global competitiveness of Philippine industries. The following are the salient features of the 2004 IPP:

Export activities

Compared to the 2003 IPP which highlighted export trading and services, the export activities of the 2004 IPP focused on export producers; service exporters; and activities in support of exporters.

A. Export producers. This covers the manufacture of non-traditional export products, of which, 50 percent of the output must be exported if Filipino owned, 70 percent if foreign owned. In order to qualify for an ITH, industrial goods for export should have undergone manufacturing, while mineral products should have undergone processing.

However, the production of industrial goods including the exportation of recycled materials which have undergone simple processing in the form of cleaning, sorting, cutting, shredding, pulverizing, grinding, crushing, compacting, dissolving and filtration will not be granted ITH. Similarly, mineral products which have only undergone simple processing such as quarrying, mining, cleaning, sorting and size reduction will also not be afforded any ITH.

B. Service exporters. As for service exporters, these shall cover the following activities:

1. Information and communication technology (ICT) services;
2. ICT-enabled services; and
3. ICT support services rendered to international clients.

ICT services

ICT services include core information technology (IT) activities such as IT project management, applications systems development, applications services providers, Web development and management, database design and development, computer networking and data communications, software development, ICT facilities operations management, and computer graphics animation.

Software development projects/activities will be eligible for BOI registration if the product is for universal or commercial use. Those intended for a specified client/user (customized programs) will not be included.

ICT-enabled services

ICT-enabled services refer to businesses that can be transformed and delivered through ICT infrastructure such as call centers, medical/legal transcription, engineering design, and business process outsourcing activities.

Call centers must have a minimum investment of \$2,500 per seat in order to be qualified for BOI incentives. This amount covers the cost of the equipment (hardware and software), office furniture and fixtures, and building improvements, but excludes the cost of the land, building and working capital.

For call centers using leased equipment, the same may be converted to assets in terms of prevailing commercial interest rates amortized over a five-year period. If the equipment is consigned, the same should have a stated value and should be considered part of investment costs.

ICT support services

ICT support services cover activities such as research and development of high value-added communication technology (CT) products and services, ICT educational and training institutions, incubation centers, and provision of Internet services, community access (limited to less developed areas), and electronic governance, excluding Internet service providers.

ICT educational and training institutions refer to the establishment and operation of training institutions that specialize in developing skills using state-of-the-art facilities. To be eligible for registration with the BOI, the project, specifically the institution's curriculum, should be endorsed by the Technical Educational and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), or the recognized industry association in the field of training. The project must also provide training laboratories with reliable means of Internet access.

Community access facilities include Internet cafes/kuos and multipurpose telecommunication centers which provide facilities for mass-based use of Internet commerce, and should be located in less-developed areas

in order to avail of the BOI incentives.

The project should have the following qualifications:

- Utilizes a network that provides reliability of access;
- A rollout plan covering various areas of the Philippines;
- Support the programs of the Local Government Units (LGUs) in complying with the "Government On-line" project;
- Assist educational institutions in promoting e-commerce and in augmenting the lack of sufficient computer facilities.

In order to be eligible for pioneer status, an ICT related project should comply with any of the following criteria:

- The project should utilize new or untried technology;
- The project should introduce a major innovation in software development; and
- The project cost should be at least \$2.5 million to be put up during the first year of operations.

C. Activities in support of exporters—This covers the following services:

- Services comprising a portion of the manufacturing process;
- Sub-assembly of parts/components of the final export product;
- Fabrication of parts/components of final products wherein the raw materials are provided by the direct exporter;
- Product testing and inspection—these shall cover activities that will verify Philippine products' compliance with national and international standards (ISO certifications);
- Repair, maintenance and calibration of machinery and equipment used by export-oriented companies—these shall cover activities that will ensure the proper operation of machinery and equipment and may include the provision of spare parts and sub-assembly necessary for the repair.

Once registered with the BOI, the enterprise must render at least 50 percent of its services, if Filipino owned, or 70 percent of its services, if foreign owned, to exporters registered with the BOI Philippine Economic Zone Authority, or other economic zones.

Specifically, registered enterprises engaged in the repair, maintenance and calibration of machinery, at least 50 percent if Filipino owned, or 70 percent if foreign owned, of the income should be generated from the servicing of export-oriented firms registered with the BOI Philippine Economic Zone Authority, or other economic zones.

Other preferred activities

The 2004 IPP has included three new activities otherwise not found in the 2003 IPP:

1. Environmental services—These services cover the following:

a. Establishment of toxic and hazardous waste (THW) merchant facilities—These refer to an integrated and self-contained facility capable of processing a wide range of toxic and hazardous waste that involves complete treatment, storage and disposal. To qualify for registration, the project must use only locally generated THWs. In general, a pioneer status will be granted if the facility costs more than \$20 million.

b. Testing/measuring services for industrial/institutional point sources of emission and effluent and other related environmental parameters for machinery and equipment excluding motor vehicles—To be eligible for BOI registration, the application should be endorsed by the Environmental Monitoring Body (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the project shall adopt a technology that conforms with the international standards for industrial testing projects as certified by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). Pioneer status may be granted on certain conditions.


c. Clean development mechanism (CDM) projects—These projects cover activities that substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, fuel switching, methane recovery, industrial processes/changes, cogeneration (use of waste heat from electric generation), electric and fuel cell vehicles, methane reduction in rice cultivation and afforestation and reforestation projects. To qualify for BOI registration, the application should be endorsed by the DENR-EMB or the project is included in the positive list of CDM eligible projects of DENR-EMB.

d. River system rehabilitation—This covers projects involving the environmental management and rehabilitation of Philippine waterways pursuant to the mandate provided by the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) and the Manila Bay Environmental Management Program (MBEMP). To qualify for BOI registration, an endorsement from PRRC or DENR is required.

2. Packaging—This covers production of packaging materials using high technology and brand new equipment. "Packaging materials," as defined in the 2004 IPP shall mean all products made of any materials to be used for the containment, protection, handling, delivery or presentation of goods.

3. Petrochemicals—This involves the manufacture of petrochemicals derived from petroleum raw materials or natura. gas. Activities covered include upstream activities (manufacture of monomers such as ethylene and propylene) and downstream activities (chemical conversion of monomers into polymers such as polyethylene, polystyrene, polypropylene, and polyvinyl chloride).

The Philippine economy is currently at a stage where economic reforms have begun to make its impact positively felt through the country's main economic indicators. Although reforms are still continuing and more investment enhancing measures are still being pursued, there are indications that the country can fast-track priority economic activities to jump-start the economy's development.



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Greeting card biz thrives in e-mail era

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Despite the threats posed by modern means of communications such as e-mail and texting, the greeting card business is apparently still thriving. So much so that in England, greeting card giant Hallmark sells a card with a tag price equivalent to roughly P1,040.

Ian I. Stuart, president of Hallmark International, said the £10 greeting card is practically a work of art. "This card has got a lot of additional attachments. It doesn't have just four pages. Inside would be small, lighter pages; outside, we'd have little pieces added on that's got some depth and usually a nice ribbon down the edge. Then we'd have little (faux) diamonds, snowdrops, a tear or a little heart. It's quite a construction. It comes in a box. It's almost a gift. You would never ever throw it away. You would keep it."

Stuart, who was in Manila recently to mark the 30th anniversary of Hallmark in the Philippines, also cited musical cards with a retail cost of \$8 each as best sellers in the European market, particularly in the Netherlands.

He described the greeting card business as "pretty healthy." He said sales growth has been noted mostly in Europe and Australasia.

"In terms of number of cards sold everyday, it's very flat; what we're seeing is that people are wishing to buy greeting cards of higher value. So as an industry, we're trying to put more design and content into the cards."

Hallmark shows in its website consolidated net revenues of \$4.3 billion in 2003. It claims to have greater than 50 percent of the greeting card market.

In the Philippines, Stuart said it has been a good year for Hallmark, citing Christmas and Valentine's Day as two occasions when greeting cards tend to enjoy brisk sales.

He acknowledged, however, that the texting phenomenon has had some impact on the business locally. "Young kids in particular find it quite trendy right now to send SMS (short messaging system). The question is, whether that will be in the long term, good or bad for the industry. Short term will be bad; there's some evidence long-term will be quite good."

Stuart said at the moment, it is still not known what the long-term impact of electronic communications would be, but that the phenomenon of sending e-cards was expected, particularly in the United States.

Maximo G. Licaucó III, president of Filstar Distributors Corp., distributor of Hallmark in the Philippines, said the popularity of cell phones in the country has changed the lifestyle of Filipinos particularly in terms of communicating. He noted that the mobile phone, which was introduced to the country seven to eight years ago, now has approximately 30 million users.

"We can actively communicate now and somehow it has affected the industry of greeting cards. Even if you say Hallmark is ink on paper, when you send a greeting via cell phone, it's still a piece of greeting to a birthday celebrant, for instance," Licaucó said.

He said Filstar is currently undertaking measures to reach out to the "texting generation," a segment described as



MAXIMO G. Licaucó III, Cecilia R. Licaucó, Ian Stuart and Scott Chaloud, Hallmark International licensing and export director. Photo on right shows a new line—the Maya Angelou's Life Mosaic Collection.

exposed to the use of mobile phones and for whom sending greeting cards is almost a rarity.

Filstar has been conducting a tour of elementary schools featuring letter-writing sessions for students. The company has brought the project to 20 schools already out of an initial target of 25 schools. But because of the positive response, Filstar is likely to commit to another 25 schools by the first quarter of 2005, according to Licaucó.

The lessons on letter writing have proven to be an effective vehicle for promoting the Hallmark

brand, along with that of Bic ballpen, which Filstar also carries. Products are distributed to students for free or are given away as prizes for writing contests.

But there is another reason for the good feedback to the writing sessions—they have supplemented school efforts to combat so-called "text spelling." "We have received a lot of comments from teachers saying that spelling has eroded among students. 'Time' is spelled as 'tym', 'Are you' is spelled as 'r u'. It's all shortcut. By going school to school, we are

able to teach them how to express themselves more in the proper way," Licaucó said.

Cecilia R. Licaucó, vice president for purchasing of National Book Store, said the school tour is aimed at instilling an appreciation for the written word among the project's target group.

"In the 30 years that Hallmark has been in the Philippines, we've gone through several ages al-

ready of greeting card senders. We want to ensure the younger generation is also exposed to it," she said.

Licaucó III added they also hope to show young people an alternative way of greeting loved ones, particularly on special occasions. "When you receive a text, you are greeted; when you receive a card, it's beyond greeting. There is emotion involved. You know the sender took time to pick the design that would fit your character and the sentiment that would fit what he wanted to say. There's more of a personal touch to it."

Stuart said attracting the younger market has meant bringing added value to a greeting card. For instance, Hallmark has incorporated gift items such as a love bracelet along with a card. "We're trying to give people things they can't get from a different category and interest them to buy. We're also trying to place our products with frequent everyday purchases so whatever you buy, you get an incentive to buy greeting cards."

The greeting card, being the company's product, itself receives utmost care and attention. According to Stuart, Hallmark maintains a creative staff of about 1,400, comprised of writers, orig-

inal artists and designers.

Aside from maintaining links with fine arts colleges, Hallmark also sponsors young designers' wards in the hope of discovering fresh talents.

Hallmark invests heavily in its creative staff, for instance sending their designers to exposure trips where they can get inspiration and to "just be creative." The results are later manifested in the designs that the staff comes out with.

He added the various design teams also go on creativity immersions at Hallmark's Kansas headquarters. Writers, on the other hand, go through writing exercises and attend sessions with consumers who talk to them about life experiences—all potential sources of greeting material.

Stuart pointed out that Hallmark also has about half a billion pieces of writing on electronic file, some written as far back as the 1950s. "So a modern day writer can visit stuff that's been written before and find things which are relevant for the day and bring them back."

Popular designs are also brought back, but on the whole, Stuart estimated that 50 to 75 percent of Hallmark cards are new every year.

He said that the much-vaunted £10 greeting card has its share of buyers, but then there are those who still go for the basic. Stuart recalled that among the company's huge hits is an anniversary card from a husband to his wife.

"It has four simple lines: 'Loved you then/ Love you still/ Always have/ Always will.' Very powerful," Stuart said.

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BUSINESS Friday

Benguet pursues Virginia

By Frank Cimatu
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TUBA, Benguet—It may be a long shot but Benguet is trying to be the newest member of the elite "Republic Act 7171 Club" composed of the provinces benefiting from the excise taxes from the sale of Virginia tobacco.

Tuba Mayor Jose Baluda said residents have welcomed the idea of cultivating Virginia tobacco even as the production of temperate vegetables has dropped.

Highest price

He said farms growing tobacco in Barangays Tabaan Norte, Taloy Sur and Nangalisan here have expanded from 30 hectares last year to more than 100 ha this year.

But the better news is that Virginia tobacco leaves planted in Benguet yielded the highest price among all types of Virginia tobacco this year.

Benedict Lumatig, National Tobacco Administration deputy director for operations, said the Benguet tobacco leaves fetched a buying price of P89 a kilogram, almost twice the average buying price of tobacco grown in other areas.

Now, Benguet is keeping its goal of becoming the fifth province to benefit from RA 7171 or the recipient of the excise taxes

from the sale of Virginia tobacco.

Ilocos Sur, La Union, Abra and Ilocos Norte are the only members of the so-called RA 7171 Club. For Benguet to enter the group, it must have an annual production of more than a million kgs.

While Benguet tries to reach its production target, its share of RA 7171 funds is being credited to nearby Pugo, La Union.

Baluda said this was estimated at between P1.5 million and P2 million.

"We are thinking of coming out with a MOA (memorandum of agreement) with Pugo to use the money in improving the roads here and other necessary infrastructures," Baluda said.

Ilogon, a mining town in Benguet, also wants to cultivate tobacco, hoping to duplicate the success of Tuba.

Ilogon Mayor Mario Godio said farmers in Barangay Tinongdan are enthusiastic to cultivate tobacco.

"There are no other livelihood for them. Mining is dying," he said.

Around 20 hectares in Tinongdan are devoted to tobacco farming, he said.

Even if the tobacco industry is already described as a sunset industry, almost all industry players predict that Benguet will pave the way on how the tobacco industry will go.

"It is very possible," said Mathew Diong, TransManila Inc. vice president for operations. TMI is the leaf buyer for Philip Morris Philippines Manufacturing Inc.

Last year, Benguet farmers already produced 52,000 kgs, and for the next year's harvest, they can easily harvest 200,000 kgs, Diong said.

"If there's a will, there's a way," he added.

TMI had been providing the will for Benguet farmers who were hesitant to go into tobacco production when the idea was first presented to them three years ago.

TMI opened the Philippine Tobacco School last year in Barangay Tabaan Norte here and had graduated 43 tobacco farmers last May.

On Nov. 24, they graduated 50 more farmers in a hands-on training to properly cultivate Virginia tobacco. Of the second batch, 20 came from Ilogon.

Also on that day, TMI opened the 1st Philippine Tobacco Production Technology Training Center in Tabaan Norte. Diong said his company set aside P3 million as initial investment to produce world-class Virginia tobacco here.

He said the training center is geared to transfer new technology to farmers. The center comes with a nursery, laboratory and

training kits provided by TMI to new tobacco farmers.

Diong said the center's trainers would go to communities to teach farmers how to grow Virginia tobacco.

Tobacco leaves produced in Benguet, he said, have been proven superior to their lowland counterparts.

"The direction of the market is globalization. To penetrate the world market, we need quality-centered production. We need to learn how to gain the prestige," he said.

He said Philip Morris promised to help TMI in its training as long as the tobacco produced is superior. He said Philip Morris bought all the tobacco produced here.

Diong said the Benguet tobacco is comparable to Brazilian tobacco, which is among the best in the world.

Lawrence Wee, agronomy head of Philip Morris Philippines, said the Benguet tobacco is "promising. They are very good. Visually, there is a little room for improvement," Wee said.

Quality tobacco leaves have a light orange color and the structure of the open veins should be prominent, he said.

"But smoking-wise, the leaves are indeed good," he said.

To produce quality tobacco, Wee said the right quality of soil, water viability and weather



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should be considered.

Diong said the weather condition should be "hot days, cold nights and humid."

TMI is advocating the early growth system where the planting starts in November to take ad-

vantage of the cold season.

Wee said the training school is a good step for the new farmers. He said new technology, rather than traditional knowledge, is needed to compete in the world market.

Furniture group charts RP strategies to compete globally

THE CHAMBER of Furniture Industries of the Philippines (CFIP) is charting the strategic moves to beat the stiff competition in the world market.

This was revealed by CFIP president Nikolaas de Lange, citing the recruitment of thousands of Filipino designers by China and Malaysia to make their furniture products globally competitive.

"With Filipino designers being recruited by foreign countries, CFIP members can no longer just rely on design, ingenuity, and craftsmanship," De Lange said, implying that the Philippines' niche in the world's high-end market segment could consequently face a serious threat.

He stressed the need for the local industry to focus on specific markets by studying and understanding them in terms of tastes, culture-inspired preferences and lifestyle-driven necessities.

"Only then can we correct design products for every specific market and attack it through identified channels of distribution," De Lange pointed out.

The Philippines has always catered to the upper end of the global market, where it has gained a niche in high-end designs, capturing design-oriented stores worldwide.

Nonetheless, there's potential to stay in that niche, according to De Lange, "for as long as we can

have better access to foreign retailers. And the Filipinos are good in servicing foreign retail customers."

But to increase exports, which account for only 1/5 of one percent of the world's total furniture production, the Philippines will have to venture into the other segments beyond its niche and come up with market-specific products.

"Product development is very important," De Lange said as he emphasized the need for collaboration among factories in adjacent localities to develop complementary specializations, and facilitate production at required quality and volume.

This type of collaboration, De

Lange explained, would mean assigning parts of a big contract to other nearby factories that have their respective specialization in various aspects of the production line.

"Not every factory can have all the machines required to produce fine furniture, but each factory can have one where it can specialize in, do business and make profits," De Lange explained.

The result would be the practice of subcontracting, which has become prevalent among manufacturers in Japan and Italy to enable them to meet volume and quality requirements within specific time frames.

Complementation has thus become a key strategy being espoused by the CFIP to also maxi-

mize the use of capital, gain economies of scale, achieve cost-efficiency, and attain both quality and price competitiveness in the world market in anticipation of increased competition in all segments.

The need for increased productivity also stems from the enormous growth in the number of foreign buyers who visit the CFIP's Philippine International Furniture Show (PIFS), which is staged annually at the World Trade Center and the Philippine Trade Training Center.

The next PIFS will be held on Feb. 28 to March 3, 2005. From 250, the number of PIFS exhibitors has risen to 280, while the number of foreign buyers has doubled to 1,200.

"Among the foreign buyers, the US is such an attractive market because it's only in the US that you have the large retail chains—with 120 stores," De Lange said. "The Middle East is also an attractive market. A lot of the Middle East guys have not been going to the US anymore because of visa restrictions. They have also realized that a lot of the furniture that they buy in the US come from the Philippines."

The European market, according to De Lange, is "interesting—more independent—because they have only three or four stores. The volumes are not so big because they don't have these retail chains covering all of Europe."

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TINA Maristela Ocampo

Female eye for the straight guy's look

THREE fab women who swear by the appeal of menswear—fashion entrepreneur and former model Tina Maristela Ocampo (MIX, The Black Shop, Anonymous, i2i), 42; Preview associate fashion editor Isha Andaya, 24; and model-photographer Joann Bitagcol, 26—share their views on where to source men's clothes and how to wear them with style.

Why do you wear men's clothes?

Isha: They are comfortable and less inhibiting than tight or ruffy clothes. I also find that tailored cuts are more flattering for my shape. Men's trousers (without pleats) make my legs look longer and slimmer and for that sleek look nothing beats a well-cut jacket.

Tina: It's inevitable to have moments that I get sick and tired of wearing feminine pieces and often find inspiration from a certain menswear item that I chance upon on my shopping expeditions.

Joann: It's a form of security/defense mechanism on my part because I live in a not-so-safe area in Makati and I commute a lot.

Favorite piece

Isha: My knee-length boy shorts since they are so easy to move in and I like how they fit. My gray Victor and Rolf jeans that are cut like men's trousers and sit really low on my hips—they're so masculine yet sexy at the same time. My logo shirts that have a bit of that scruffy boy attitude. I wear them with everything, even skirts.

Tina: My latest find is a Pucci necktie that I found in a flea market in Connecticut. It was a wonderful find amid the chaos of prints. When I saw the print I was thrilled by the possibilities—other than a



ISHA Andaya

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From manpower to woman

THERE is no doubt menswear has injected an energy into female fashion that no trend or designer can shake off. And we are not just talking here about a woman throwing on her boyfriend's shirt after spending the night with him. From runway to real life, manly accoutrements have adorned women and made them even more provocative. Local designers Joey Samson, Patrice Ramos-Diaz and Louis Claparols help us understand why.

What makes menswear more than a trend?

Joey: More and more females have come to adopt or embrace men's dressing into their wardrobe and even make it a staple wardrobe item. I guess it's more fun to dress up when you throw a menswear piece onto the usual feminine garment.

Patrice: Menswear materials and the mannish look have been in and out of fashion since way back. They continue to be a strong look because of the classic feel and the interesting irony that mannish outfits can actually bring forth a woman's femininity. The reason menswear for women is more than a trend is it has lasting power in a woman's wardrobe, a long shelf-life. The look has become

Louis: Because menswear doesn't



PATRICE Ramos-Diaz

drastically change; if it does the change is gradual.

What are your favorite menswear pieces to work on?

Joey: Tuxedo suit and trousers.
Patrice: I like exploring the use of Italian wool, and other types of suiting materials. I also play around with the classic white polo

shirts, tuxedo shirts, tuxedo pants, cummerbunds, the trubezzed colars and French cuffs.

Louis: Almost everything, but since I do womenswear it's fun to add interesting details to men's trousers to make it more feminine... like embellishments, patterns.

Where lies the appeal in designing menswear for women?

Joey: The marriage of both masculine and feminine shape/silhouette and detail and even fabrication in a singular look.

Patrice: The appeal lies in the irony... that something masculine can actually make a woman look so feminine.

Louis: In designing menswear for women, you make the character of the woman seem stronger, more empowered, larger than life.

What type of woman can wear menswear?

Joey: Those who are willing to be more than typical and who are not afraid to explore the other side of their individuality.

Patrice: Menswear can be figure flattering since the lines are clean and classic or usually tailored.

Louis: Women who don't believe that the man is the only one who "wears the pants" in their relationships, in their work, in the world.

Which designers do you think brought menswear to the forefront of fashion and have kept it from being dated?

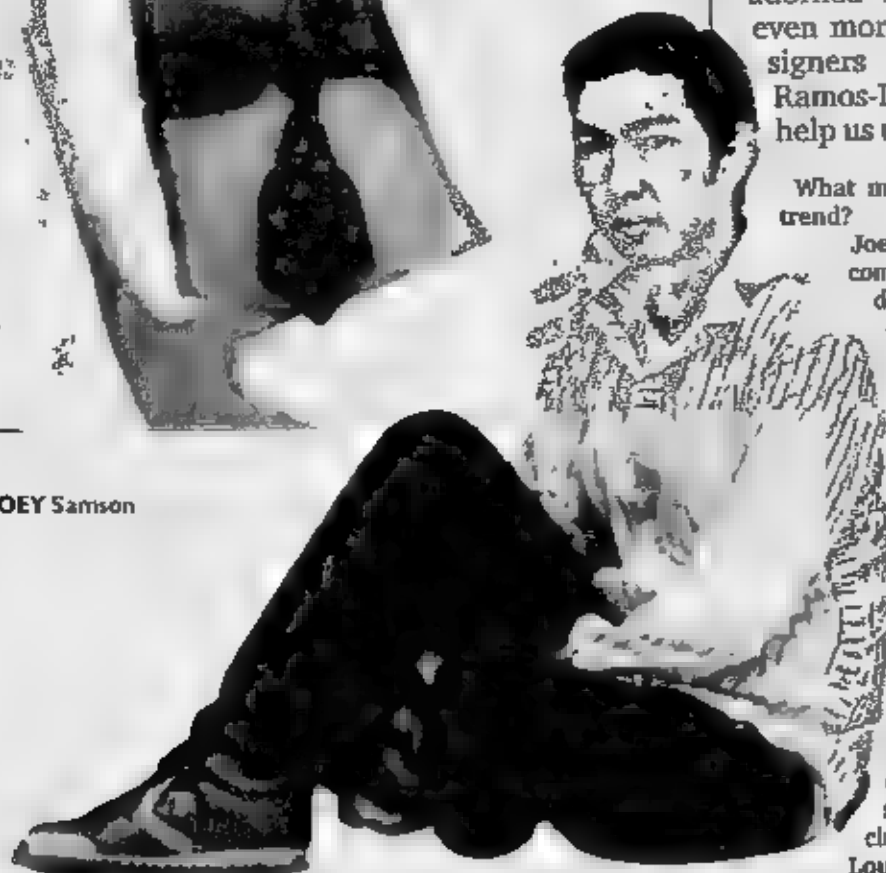
Joey: Coco Chanel for her beach pajamas, YSL for his Le Smokin' jacket, Giorgio Armani for his soft tailoring, and most recently Hedi Slimane for his slim, almost severe suits.

Patrice: Ralph Lauren, Giorgio Armani, Calvin Klein, Paul Smith, Victor and Rolf, Jil Sander, Ann Demeulemeester, Junya Watanabe, and Yohji Yamamoto.

Louis: Paul Smith—by adding a lot of



JOEY Samson



The allure of his clothes

Women who
 dress like men
 look more
 distinguished
 and gives new
 meaning to
 the term 'power
 dressing.'

Joanna: I could use it as a belt to go with my skirt.
 Tina: My low-waist trousers because they're comfortable.

Do you think it's sexy for women to dress like men?

Tina: Yes, probably because it makes women look more distinguished and gives new meaning to the term "power dressing." Feminine clothes lend a certain frailty and delicacy to the wearer so menswear is ideal for the woman who likes strong women.

Tina: When a woman uses a man's watch and a laced canvas shoe under a single-button men's jacket—I don't think it's a turn-off to men. Quite the opposite, in fact. Honestly, though, when a woman wears a complete menswear look and acts like a man to boot even I get turned off.

Joanna: There are some people who appreciate the subtle creativity involved in my dressing counter to the stereotype of "what a model should wear" but I am not sure if I find it sexy.

Fashion icons

Joanna: Stella Tennant (Chanel model/ aristocrat). In Manila, Joann Bragocool with Uy.

Tina: Marlene Dietrich and all the '40s women during the war prior to Christian Dior's "new look."

Joanna: British model Stella Tennant—she's an icon when it comes to styling.

Where and how do you source your power items?

Joanna: I keep an eye out for tailored pieces in store. I go. I might find a nice vest or shirt in Mango or cool polo in Tyler. I've even found stuff at Bench. Usually I look in men's zones—like Details, or a show or movie or some guy I spot—I then just put it together with things I already have or what I see in shop.

Tina: Flea markets, Barneys men's section (York), Japan department stores have "mannish pieces" for women. Antique watches also interest me.

Joanna: Most of my items come from (friend) Tadi's closet.



VOGUE 2004—Men's white button-down shirt. A wardrobe staple for him and her

From page C1

breaking mountains of luggage.

What comes to mind about all well-dressed males and females is their attention to detail. My father was very particular about how his trousers were pressed. He also preferred a specific shade of blue for his clothes.

His wardrobe consisted of three basic colors: white, tan and light blue. Despite such a limited palette, the depth of his wardrobe was legendary. For example, his white shirt collection consisted of over 200 items made from the finest materials available in a variety of weights—from 100-percent Egyptian cotton to three-ply cashmere.

More importantly, like any true fashion blue blood, he knew how to accessorize. Hence, he always sported the perfect watch and had a shoe collection worthy of a museum.

Now the mainstays of a wardrobe like my father's have crossed over to the closets of the most fabulous females.

The suit, the core of a man's wardrobe, has been adopted, adapted and modified to flatter the female figure. Yes, even as the most recent Paris couture week harkened back to glamorous dressing, the suit lives on, fa-



THE TUXEDO A look that is still in vogue today (\$975 photo by Helmut Newton for YSL)



HARPER'S Bazaar November 2004, Nicole Kidman

avored by designers like Giorgio Armani and Chanel.

Celebrity style arbiters like Madonna and Nicole Kidman look fabulous suited and tied. Some Hollywood actresses became fashion icons through the masculine look. Katherine Hepburn cut a rather dashing figure in her trousers. Diane Keaton eschewed the slinky gown on Oscars night in favor of Ralph Lauren's morning tails, a shirt and a tie, and completed the look with a bowler and her trademark leather gloves.

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and interesting details; Gucci, Roberto h. and Dolce & Gabbana for adding a lot of appeal into menswear.

Joanna: Items of clothing do women wear that were initially inspired by menswear?

Tina: Practically every component and accessory of a suit—jacket, trousers, shirt, vests, sweaters, etc.

Joanna: Of course, pants! Also, tailored shirts, the classic polo shirts, sport shirts.

Tina: Structured suits... Ties, the "wife beater," although we don't like to call it that.



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TYLER 2004 (Autumn-Winter Collection) tuxedo look in cream on Tessa Nieto and nylon trench coat on Joanne Kuhn



IVARLUSKI Aseron military uniform dress. Long waved hair to offset the minimalist starkness of suit. Hair and makeup by Peddy Aceba using L'Oreal Paris Fatal Rouge look, Autumn Winter 2004

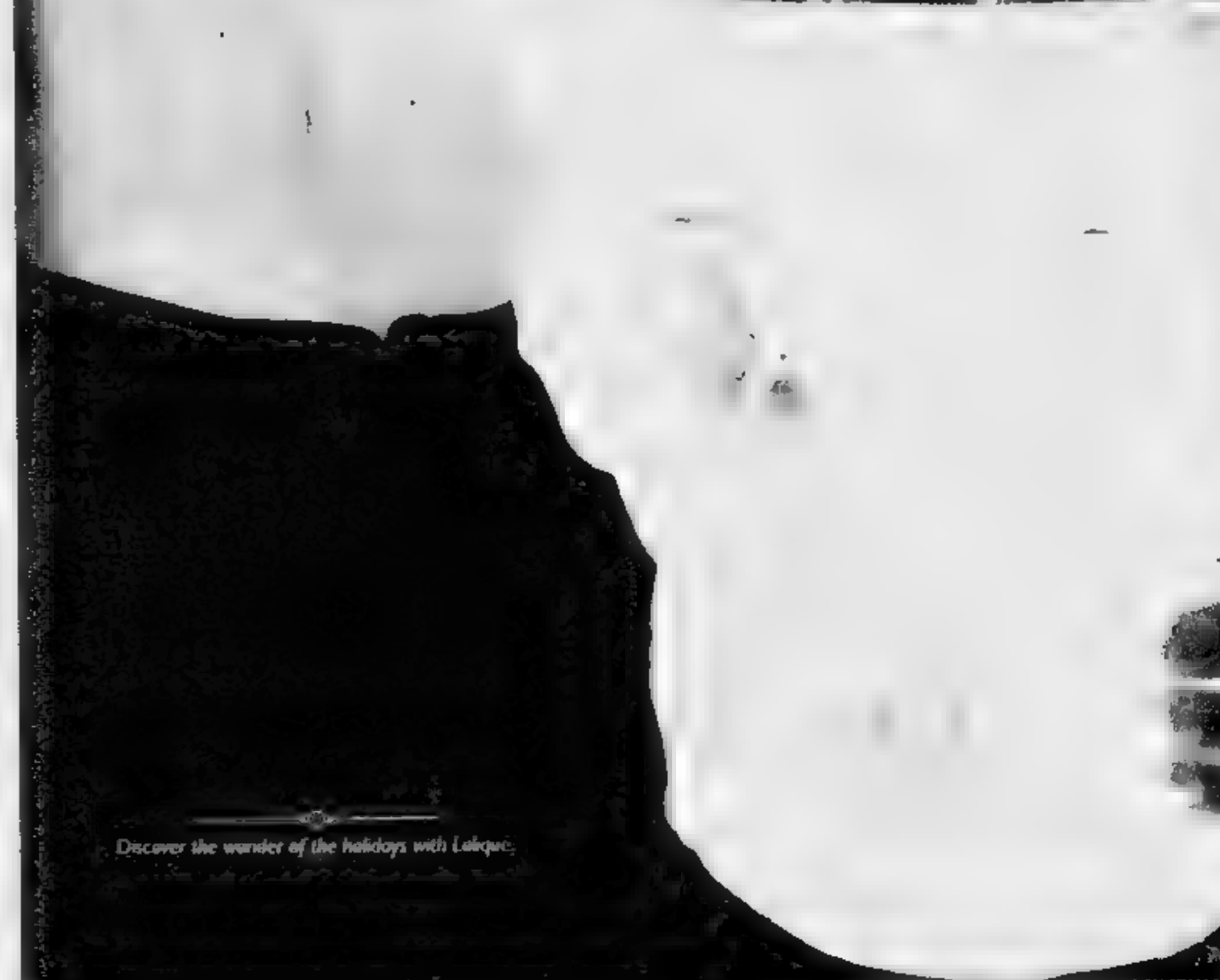
L'OREAL Paris creative director and makeup artist James Gahardos gives women tips on hair and makeup when wearing men's clothes so they don't end up looking more mannish than their men.

"Play with the elements of seduction—red lips, smoky eyes, waved hair," he says. "Revealing selected areas of skin refines everything to a very chic look."

For nighttime drama, he suggests focusing on the lips. "The eyes may be the windows of the soul, but this year it's all about those lips. For that femme fatale smile, dress lips in highly seductive reds and contrast them with eyes done in shimmering violets, shocking pinks or warm browns."

Eyes should be done subtly smoky, he adds, while cheekbones are highlighted in a natural way, leaving the mouth quite literally centerstage.

Be bold and brilliant with crystal shine color nail varnishes, he concludes.



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GANG of three achievers, Carlo Pineda with Duty Free Phils.' Michael Kho and Carissa Coscolluela



AMONG the top bidders of the night were civic-oriented women Josephine del Gallego Knox and Evelyn Lim Forbes.

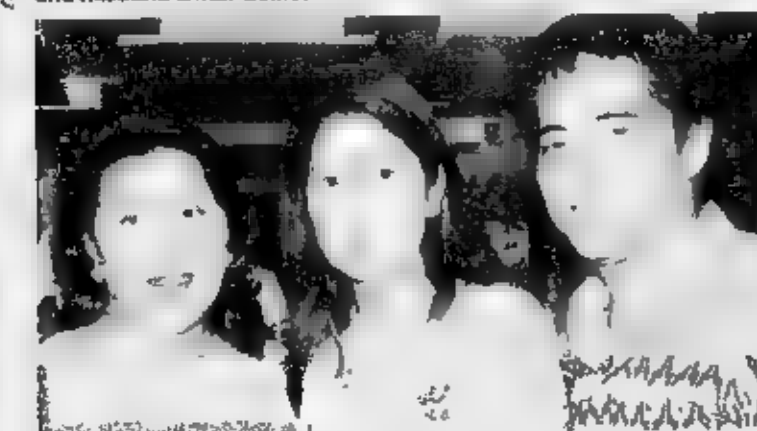
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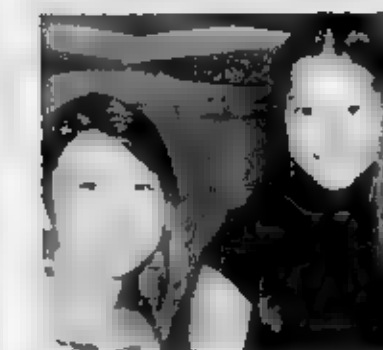
LOVE is a many-splendored thing. TV/movie star Ali Sotto and husband Omar Bsaies



BEAUTIFUL couple Louie and Jojo Ocampo



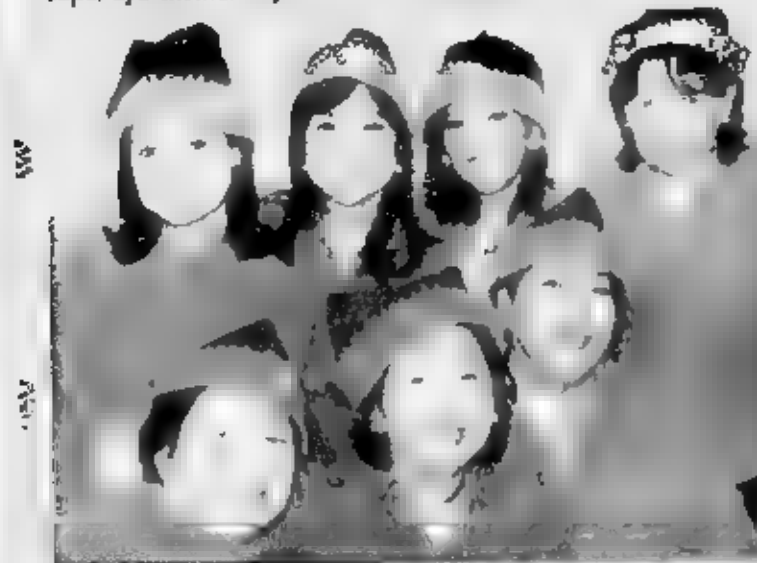
PHILIPPINE Tatler and Harrison Plaza's top woman Irene Martel-Francisco and renowned cardiologist Dr. Randy Francisco flanking one of the hostesses of the affair, Mons Romulo-Tantoco



NOKIA'S Joanne Racoma with super eye-catcher Raya Gonzalez



GARY Valenciano checks out the Hubtrons.



ORGANIZERS of the bazaar are seven dynamic, civic-minded women: Linda Villadelgado, project chair Fanny Blanco, president Celine Bautista; (standing) Pile Aquino, consul Fortune Ledesma, Chit Gohu and Lita Gelano

Cosmetics for a worthy cause

INTERNATIONALLY renowned Japanese makeup brand Shu Uemura launched its limited-edition Cleansing Oils by top-of-the-line artist Al Yamaguchi, known for her retro, yet modern style in painting.

The cosmetic brand seeks to combine the works of beauty, art and fashion. That is somehow reflected in the launch venue, the new Ayala Museum. Proceeds of the show will go to a worthy project to assist poor children.

Shu Uemura and the Center for Excellence in Public Elementary Education of the Ayala Foundation celebrated its first of a kind happening, to help further develop Centex's 1,000 children by exposing them to art.

Explaining the tie-up between Ayala and Uemura were Centex spokesperson Kitkat Zobel; director Carol Atacado; and Shu Uemura brand manager Tina Tinio.

The invitees enjoyed immensely the cocktail and food from the popular Zen Restaurant as we were all encouraged to bid for premium Shu Uemura and Yamaguchi works, as well as works done for Centex by top artists Anita Magsaysay-Ho, Mauro Malang and Romulo Galicano, no less, palangas.

I started the bidding, and soon the price had gone over P15,000 for the Magsaysay-Ho ceramic plate and Yamaguchi lithograph, while Shu Uemura's so-sooft and gorgeous Makeup Brush was sold for over P20,000 from the original P8,000 starting bid. At the end of the night, Shu Uemura was able to raise over P100,000 for Centex. Not bad, huh!

During the after-party hosted by M Museum Café, *moi* zeroed in on L'Oreal Philippines' beautiful *famille*, led by its new, hot managing director, the tres-tres charmant David Ennes, radiant Leica Carpo, Angelique Villaraza and Celine Gabriel. *Moi* was also able to catch Shu Uemura's chief makeup artist, the eye-catching Southem gal Xeng Zulueta.

"Creativity Without Boundaries" was a night that merged artists, the fashion set, beauty enthusiasts and hotshot businessmen together. And hey, whether they dressed up or down, the goal was to help others.

Feast of cell phones

And the battle of the cell phones continues, *palangas*, especially now that Christmas is around the corner. This time, the party pack and the executive sector were invited to a tres special dinner hosted by Globe Platinum, Nokia and Pepano restaurant at Greenbelt 2-Makati.

The chosen invitees feasted on the exquisite menu, courtesy of chef extraordinaire Margarita Fores, *natch*, that featured an eight-course meal of epicure meat and fish cuisine, drowned by excellent wines from Bacchus International.

Super hotshots—from Globe Telecom's Gerry Ablaza, Perdz de la Cruz, Lizanne Uychoo, Manny Aligada and Nikki Santiago, to Nokia's Parikshit Bhasin—were present.

Namedroppables were there, such as Cesar Buenaventura, OV Espiritu, Paquito Dizon and Sen. Mar Roxas; the broadcast world's Korina Sanchez, Ces Drilon, Karen Davila, and Cory Quirino; businessman George Siy, entertainer Edu Manzano, ADB's Martin Tornberg and Karen Kelly and Omar Bsaies of the US Embassy.

Some of Manila's creamiest of the cream set were all tres visible, thanks to Mons Romulo Tantoco, glam gal Ching Cruz, pretty Berna Romulo-Puyat, best-dressed gal Sigalit Djemal, Firma's Chino Vijandre and Ricky Toledo; Alex Lichaytoo; gorgeous bag designer Bea Valdes; good-looking business achiever Arche Rodriguez; and *genz* for all seasons Raul Man-

They dug into the yummy dinner while enjoying cool jazz by tenor saxophonist Vince La-horra.

ANC news anchor, super head-turner Pinky Webb, looking fab after a trip to Hawaii, en-ceed.

A special preview of the upcoming sleek Nokia 6260 and Nokia 9500 Communicator, was presented. The guests sampled the new Trons handsets, as Globe's tech-savvy spokesmodels helped everyone test the gad-

Charity bazaar

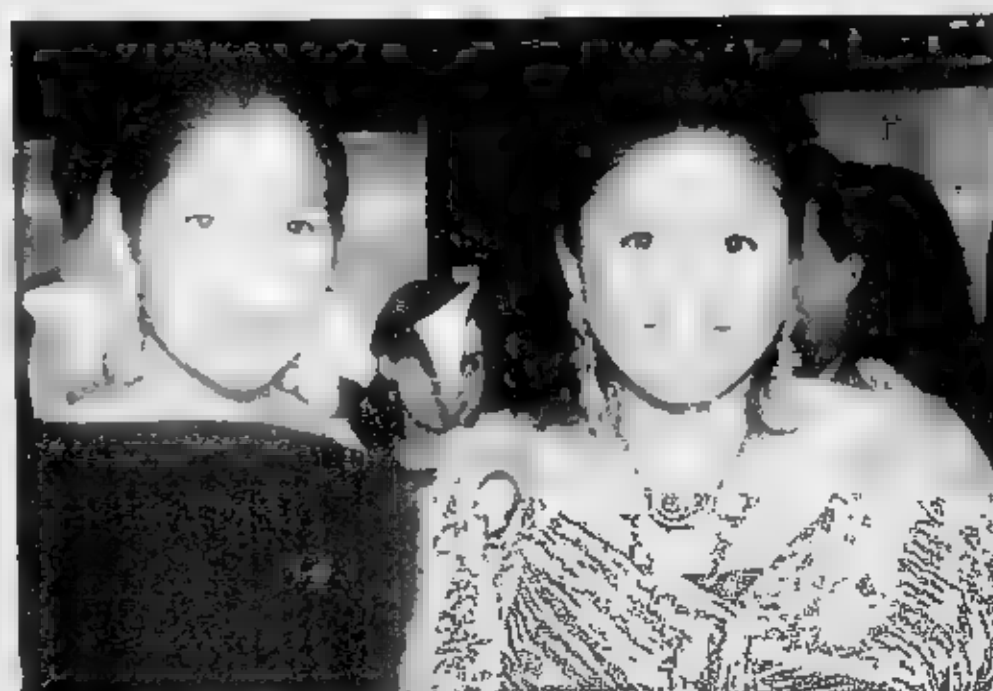
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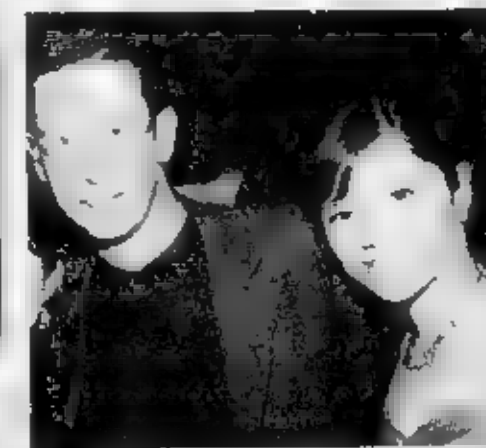
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HOTSHOT ladies, Centex's dedicated spokesperson Kitkat Zobel and Shu Uemura's brilliant brand manager Tina Tinio



BEAUTIFUL couple who cares, Chris Feist with his wife, Cocoon's talented designer Katrina Goulbourn



HIS and hers, L'Oreal Phils.' new managing director, David Ennes, and Kerastase's Tessa Dragon



SEN. Mar Roxas and Parikshit Bhasin



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take place? Only this one has imported apples to be given for free to the first 100 buyers and the rest will be on sale at P1 each.

The Venture 7 Christmas Bazaar will take place this Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Grand Ballroom of Hotel InterContinental, Makati, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Guests of honor will be Dr. Elenita Binay, spouse of Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, and Gina de Venecia, wife of Speaker Jose de Venecia.

Organizers are seven dynamic business- and civic-minded women, namely Celine Bautista (president), Fanny Blanco (project chair), Linda Villadelgado, Lita Gelano, Fortune Ledesma, Pile Aquino and Chit Gohu. This group has been involved in many successful Christmas bazaars and fund-raising activities.

Most of the products of the bazaar participants are export overruns. Items range from imported ladies to children's wear, maids uniforms, kitchenware, Christmas decor and other items from Israel, Greece, Italy, China, Vietnam, Thailand and UK, no less, *palangas*.

There will be a door prize every hour.

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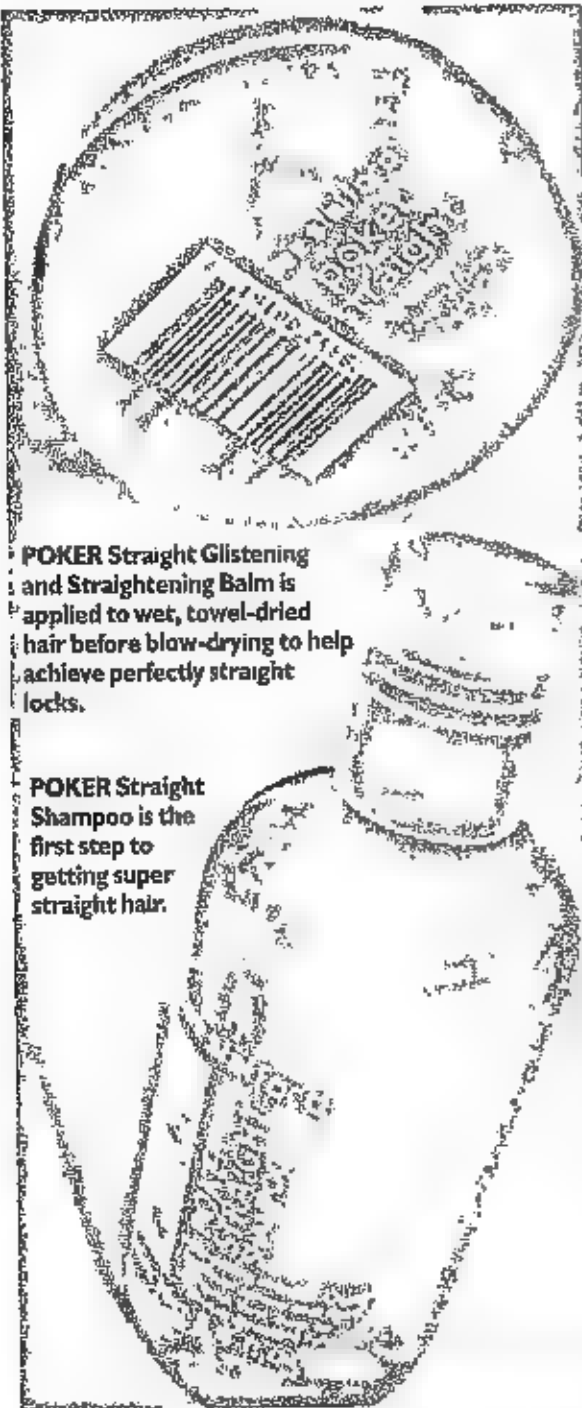
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In the wedding articles that came out in the Lifestyle section last month: the Ignacio-Limon nuptials and the Calleja-Ticzon nuptials, the photos were taken by Alex Van Hagen.



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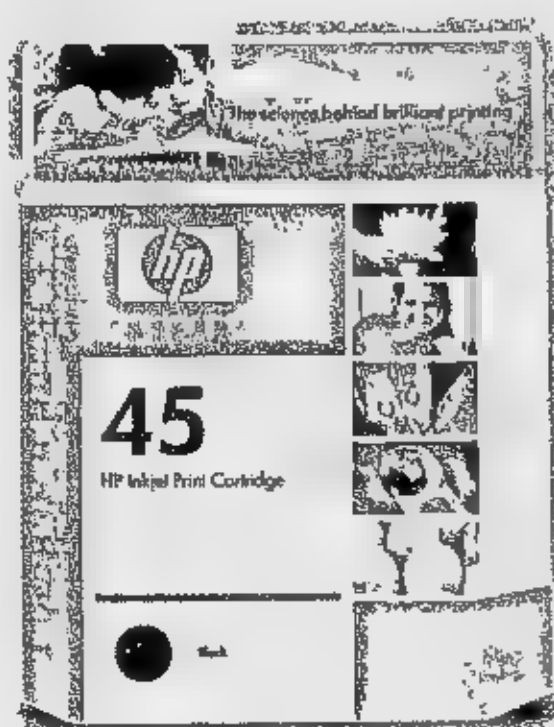
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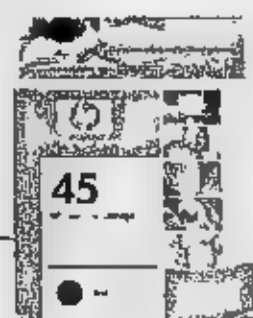
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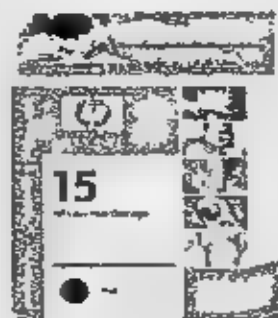
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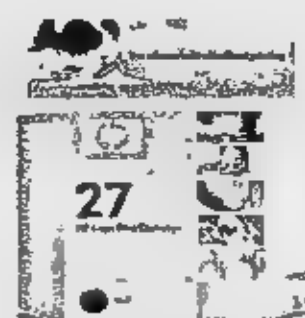
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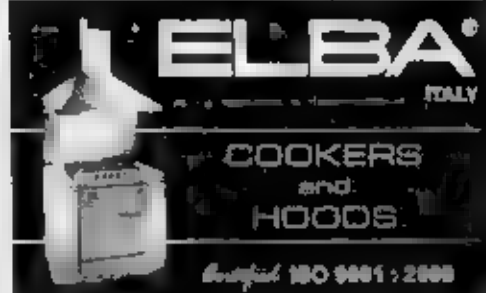
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Emperor of ties

NAPLES, Italy—What do John F. Kennedy, Jacques Chirac and Mikhail Gorbachev have in common? Ask the Marinella family, who have been creating neckties for the rich and famous for the last 90 years.

The family's products have adorned the necks of politicians, noblemen, tycoons, artists and poets. A new book will shortly show the world what a Marinella tie looks like, with the proceeds going to charity.

Who's who

Both Republican Presidents George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush, and their Democratic counterparts John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton have been clients. Closer to home, French Presidents François Mitterrand and Jacques Chirac, and Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev have sported Marinella products.

The business is now run by founder Eugenio Marinella's grandson Maurizio, who says the secret of success lies in the fact that there is only one tie and accessories shop in Naples deeply rooted in the culture of the city.

"All our clients come to Naples," said Maurizio who, like his grandfather and father Lui-

"Thanks to the knot, one can understand

a great deal about

someone's personality, mood and soul'

gi, started at an early age in the business.

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The Agnelli family of Fiat fame, Greek shipping tycoon Aristide Onassis, the American Rockefellers, poet Gabriele d'Annunzio and film-maker Luciano Visconti have all been clients.

Wealth of ideas

The business overlooking the bay of Naples was founded by Eugenio in 1914. He was not

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ITALIAN tie designer Maurizio Marinella poses in his shop in Naples. Three generations of tie designers—Eugenio, Luigi and Maurizio Marinella—still seduce important political and cultural figures such as John Kennedy, Bill Clinton, Luciano Visconti and Aristide Onassis after 90 years in the business.



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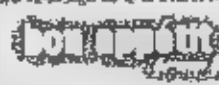
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BRAD in hooded sweater, long-sleeved knit shirt and cream/brown cap with piping



TJ in striped satin long-sleeved, black leather jacket, suit (blazer not worn), printed necktie and black leather bag. Brad in striped long-sleeved, black leather jacket, poplin cotton trousers and black messenger bag



CAMOUFLAGE jacket with piping, classic long-sleeved checkered and blue shirt

Young urbanites spring for flexible styles

TWO of today's heartthrobs dress up like the young urbanites that they are with the help of Springfield, the popular Spanish brand.

Brad Turvey says he likes things simple, including his fashion style. He prefers clothes that are comfortable but also stylish. He goes for the basics—good fit, solid colors, a combination of casual and formal wear.

"Magandang Umaga Bayan" host TJ Manotoc likes pieces that he can mix and match, giving him flexibility in his wardrobe. He likes cool and comfortable, easy, good quality, and affordable clothes.

For both, Springfield, the brand for the urban male, has become the choice as it combines style, functionality and comfort.

Turvey says he can't live without cap, jeans, t-shirt, dress shirt, and rubber shoes. Manotoc adds shorts to the list. Since they wear these items everyday, they put a premium on durability and comfort.

For its Fall/Winter collection, Springfield has come up with three lines inspired by today's multifaceted man.

University and college wear include rugby t-shirts, sport jackets, ribbed and oxford shirts, sweat shirts, denims, cotton trousers, and sport rubber-soled shoes. A splash of colors complements basic nude, black and whites. Rich greens and yellows and reds and blues add spirit. Key pieces include open funnel neck shirts, knit shirts with nylon and polyester, striped jackets and corduroys.

Turvey says he likes the hooded sweaters, body bags, denims and jackets.

The Grunge look, on the other hand, has a washed and worn-out finish. Key pieces include poplin shirts, natural leather jackets, denim and cotton trousers, multi-prints, and parkas. Muted hues are blended with orange, red and golden yellow. Checks are also making a big comeback, with stripes not far behind.

Manotoc goes for cargo pants, sling bags, short- and long-sleeved polos, round neck shirts, jeans and jackets that complement

his lifestyle.

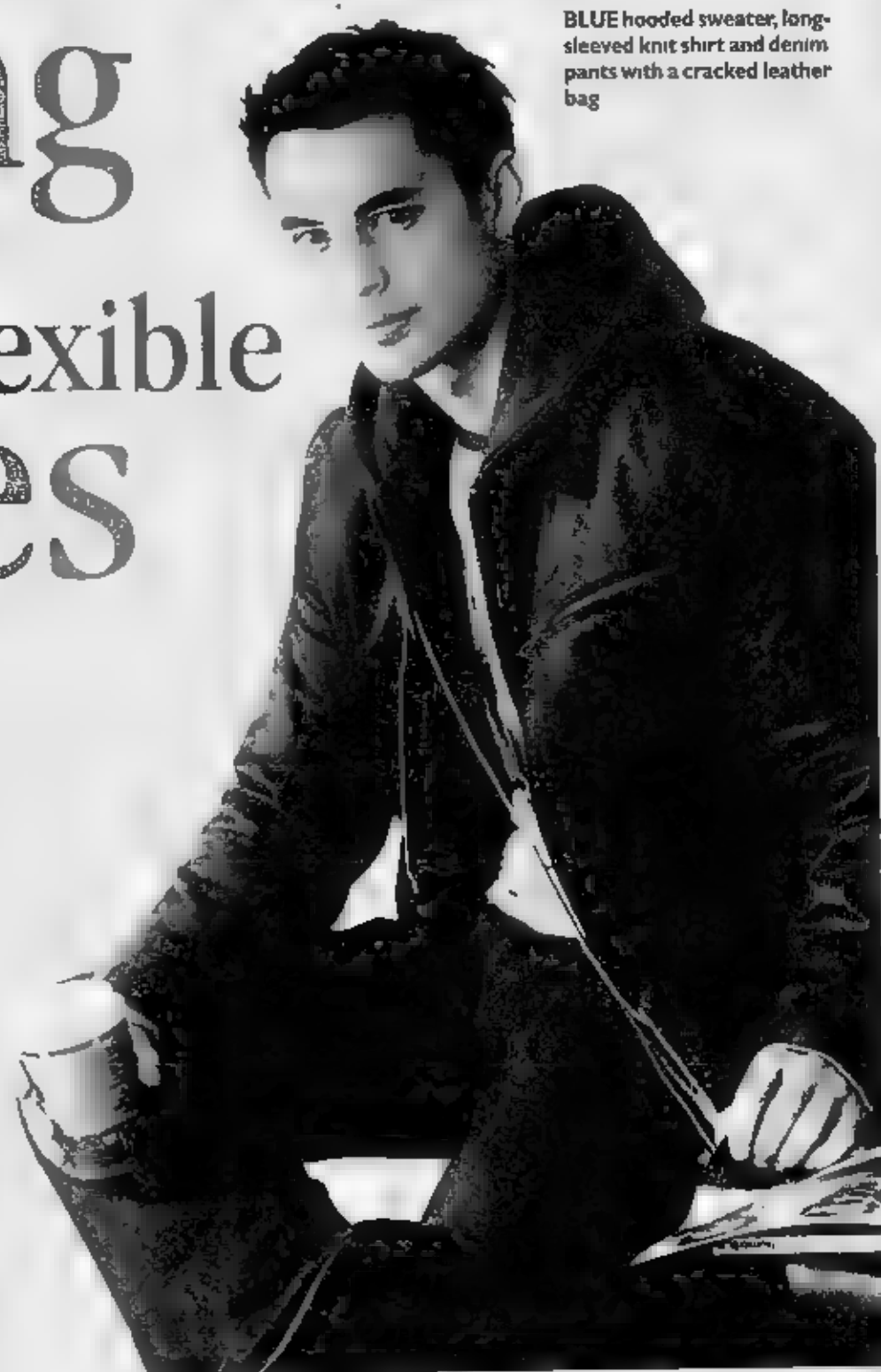
More reserved and elegant, the City look has a range of pin-striped jackets, motorcycle jackets, suits, dress shirts, and an assortment of geometric, floral and psychedelic ties. The look is more urban with black, white, gray and ice dominating the palette.

Graffiti shirts complement the structured blazers. Knitwear is accented with metallic snaps, shirts are blended with technical fabrication, and silhouettes are narrower.

Springfield is exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists Inc. and located at Greenbelt 3, Rockwell Powerplant Mall, Rustan's Makati, Robinson's Place Manila and SM Megamall.



FULL zippered knitted sweater, vertical-cut tee, polo pique and jeans



BLUE hooded sweater, long-sleeved knit shirt and denim pants with a cracked leather bag



BRAD in long-sleeved checkered, printed green long sleeve knit shirt, beige sport trousers and red cap with piping; TJ in long-sleeved brown checkered shirt, long-sleeved knit shirt and canvas jacket



TJ in blue hooded sweater, white short-sleeved knit shirt, navy-blue trousers and white/red overnight bag and red cap. Brad in zip-up knitted sweater, round-neck tee, beige cotton trousers and red overnight bag



CLASSIC long-sleeved checkered and blue shirt



FLOWER power never looked this good or this manly. White/brown flowered polo shirt (P3,795), pants (P3,495)

Macho twists

THE LATEST collection from Greyhound features bold new colors as well as basic black, white and olive with attitude. Stylish twists include macho florals and two-toned shirts.

In the Philippines, Greyhound is located at Level 3, Greenbelt 4, Ayala Center, Makati City.

MODEL: ZAN JOE MARUDO
STYLING: KAREN PASCUA
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ZAN JOE in olive Army-brat polo (P3,995) and pants (P3,495)

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OLIVE TWIST. A spot of olive on the collar livens up an otherwise plain white shirt. Shirt (P3,795), black pants (P3,495)



BLACK and white is all right. Zanjoe in black shirt with white collar (P2,995) and pin-striped pants (P3,495)

Emperor...

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rich but he had a wealth of ideas. Now, a Marinella tie is as Neapolitan as pizza or "O Sole Mio."

"A Marinella tie is not a fashion item. It's something that lasts forever," said Neapolitan writer Luciano de Crescenzo.

"We open every day at 6:30 a.m. so customers can come before the pressure of work," said Maurizio, who insists his 13 staff "be of good character, cheerful and optimistic."

The knot

The 90th anniversary book will be made up of black and white photographs, taken by Fredy Marcarini, of the knots of 50 ties created for international political, industrial, artistic and show business celebrities.

"Thanks to the knot one can understand a great deal about someone's personality, mood and soul," said Maurizio.

"You could almost say, 'Tell me how you knot your tie and I'll tell you who you are,'" he said.

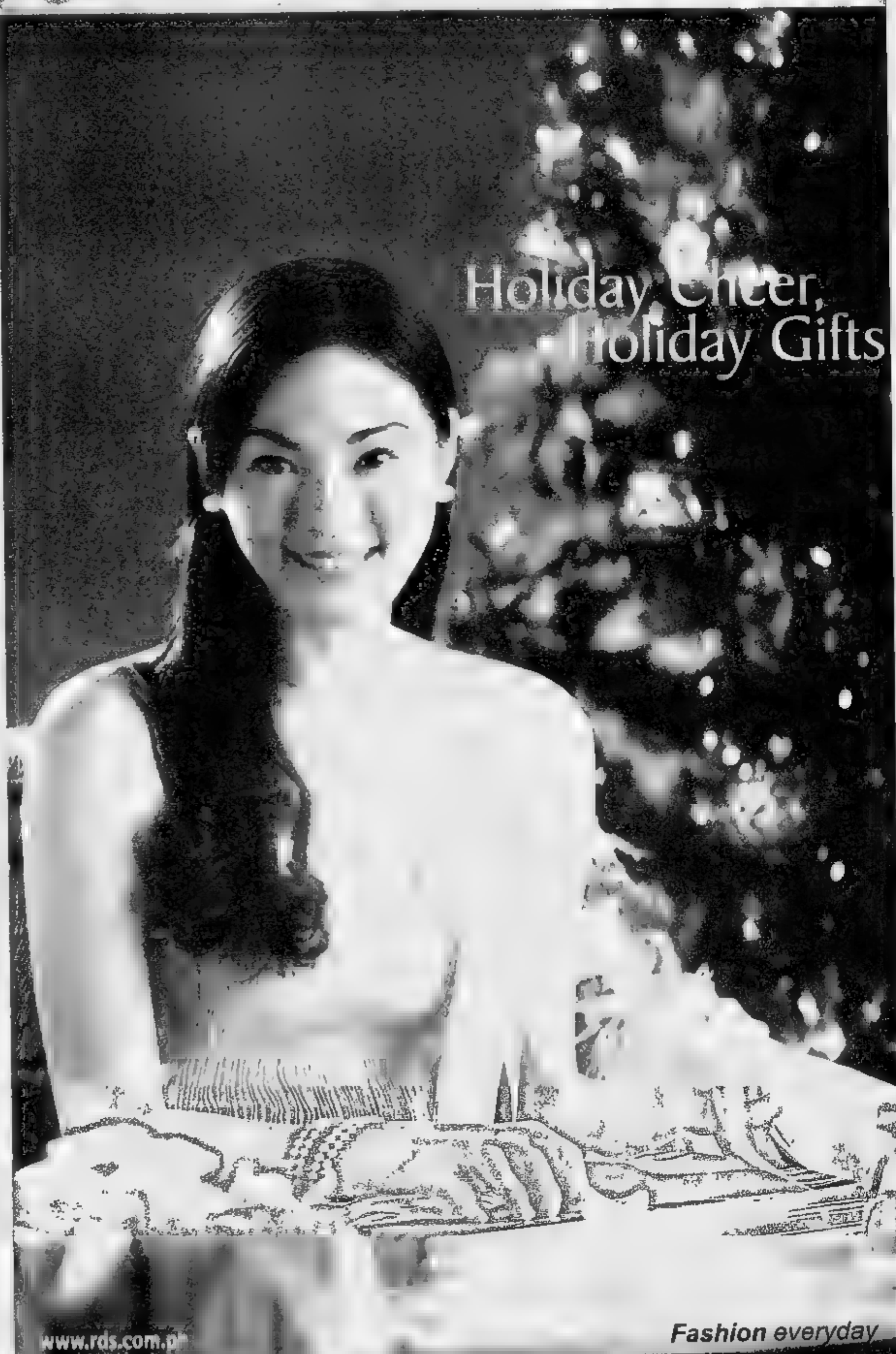
He has no prejudice about color or style, large or small size, silk or cashmere. But the customer will need 90 euros (US\$115) if he wants to leave the shop with one.

"My dream used to be to open a shop in Paris like the one in Naples," he said.

"I found a place opposite the Georges V hotel (off the Champs Elysees) I wanted to buy but the owners didn't want to sell. So the hotel offered me a small space to establish a presence and we sell 50 ties a month there."

He also has a showroom in Milan in the north of Italy but has resisted plans to expand, preferring to remain "the king of ties in Naples."

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LIFESTYLE Beauty

You can now get the 'Bridget Jones' look



RENÉE Zellweger
as Bridget Jones

WHILE watching "Titanic," I wanted to find out what foundation Kate Winslet used. It turned out it was Max Factor's Lasting Performance in Champagne.

MAKEOVER 911



Kinny Salas

Max Factor (MF) has done it for me again after I saw the "Bridget Jones" trailer. I was thrilled when MF sent me the same foundation and mascara shade Renée Zellweger used. It sent me the same lipstick line but in a different shade.

The foundation is from the new Color Adapt line and the shade used on Renée was Natural. The line comes in shades that go sheer, covering a wide range of skin tones.

Renée's mascara was More Lashes Waterproof in Black, which really stayed put during her scene at the sea.

Two different shades of Lipfinity Everlites were used: Ticked, a beige pink for day, and Alluring, a deeper plum shade for evening. Honestly, I was never a fan of the original Lipfinity line as it left my lips as dry as biscotti. Everlites leaves a sheer glossy finish that lasts longer than any gloss I know of. Till the time it fades there is no chapping or grainy feel. That's saying a lot as I have the driest lips around.

The lip shades didn't give me the same effect as the ones Renée used though due to our obvious difference in coloring. I found that effect with the shade Cherish (mauve rose) instead.

Other Renée colors: for day—Natural Satin Blush in Naturelle, Inca Bronze and Almond eyeshadow; for evening—Midnight Mauve Blush and Stormy Blue Earth Spirits eyeshadow.

Did you know that the entire cast of "The Stepford Wives" used Shu Uemura?

Lara Flynn Boyle as Serisena in "Men in Black II" used Shu Uemura makeup as well.

Shu Uemura's new line for Fall/Winter is called "Chic and Rouge Christmas."

My favorite picks: Sweet Lip gloss in Jasmine Gold and Amber Gold at P895 each.

The latter can be worn alone by most as it has a reddish tinge while Jasmine gold is best on top of lipstick or can only be worn alone successfully by one who is tanned for that sexy golden pout.

The limited-edition lipstick 135 is in gorgeous pink with pearly gold; it has Chinese embroidery design on the cover, for P1,225.

The eyeshadow palette in Brilliant Glow (golden brown and bright yellow) costs P2,400. Instead of blush, the line uses Luster Gold Powder, P2,175, for a golden glow on the face and body, giving the illusion of smooth perfection.

Last but not the least is the Brush Set worth P5,750, which has four travel size brushes: cheek, eye shadow, eye liner brush and eyebrow in a beautiful leather pouch.

My foundation is the new Water Perfect Liquid for that dewy sexy look.

Budget cosmetics for the young

I have not forgotten my younger readers on a budget. I have a bias toward Japanese brands, especially when it comes to foundation, powder and concealer.

Today's teens are lucky because Kose, the company that made Awake and Sekki Sei, are considerate enough to make the Pasio line: quality skin-care and makeup to suit a teen's needs.

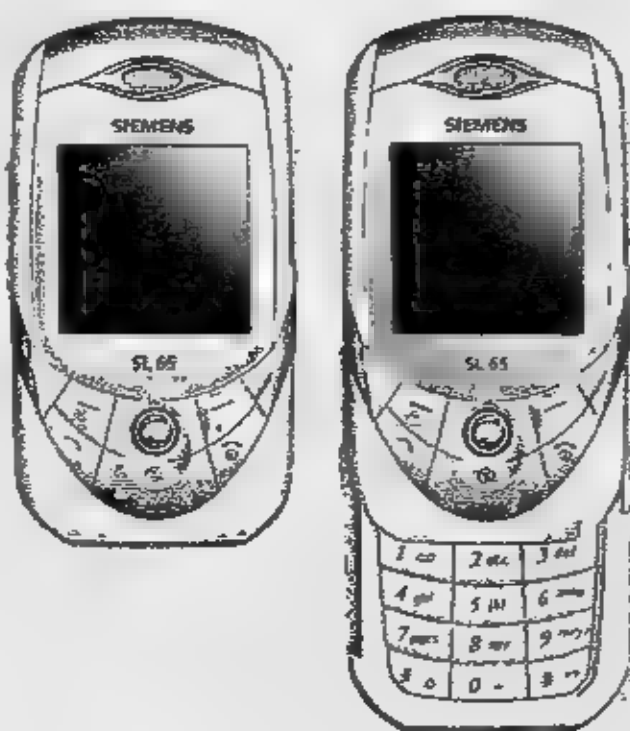
I highly recommend the Fit and Stay foundation in liquid, P425, and powder, P495, which is

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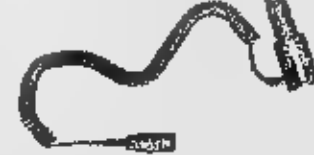
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THREE variations of Maningat's bridal and special-occasion hair and makeup. At left is the all-pale look. A slightly smoky, more dramatic eye is the emphasis of the second variation (this photo). Below, the focus is on the lips, with the use of a darker lip color.



A nomad comes home



By Cheche V. Moral

HE'S finally found a home where everyone's welcome to visit.

Brilliant hair and makeup artist Eric Maningat, after spending 19 years of nomadic professional journey, has decided to park his makeup brushes—and in one very tony address, at that.

"He came highly recommended," says Yvonne Ilagan, owner of Studio 546 (S/L Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Mandaluyong City; tel. 6383956/3954). "[Photographer] Claudine Sia said he's very professional and very good. He was already well known, but I didn't know him that well, though he used to do my makeup. But I was assured I won't have problems with him."

In August, Ilagan and her siblings launched Studio 546, with Maningat as artistic director. Maningat is at the helm of an 18-member staff.

"I'm very happy I've found a home," Maningat says in Filipino. "When I was still in Cavite, I felt like my life was going nowhere. So I began working freelance. The problem was, I had to do everything, including negotiating with clients. Now a secretary does that for me."

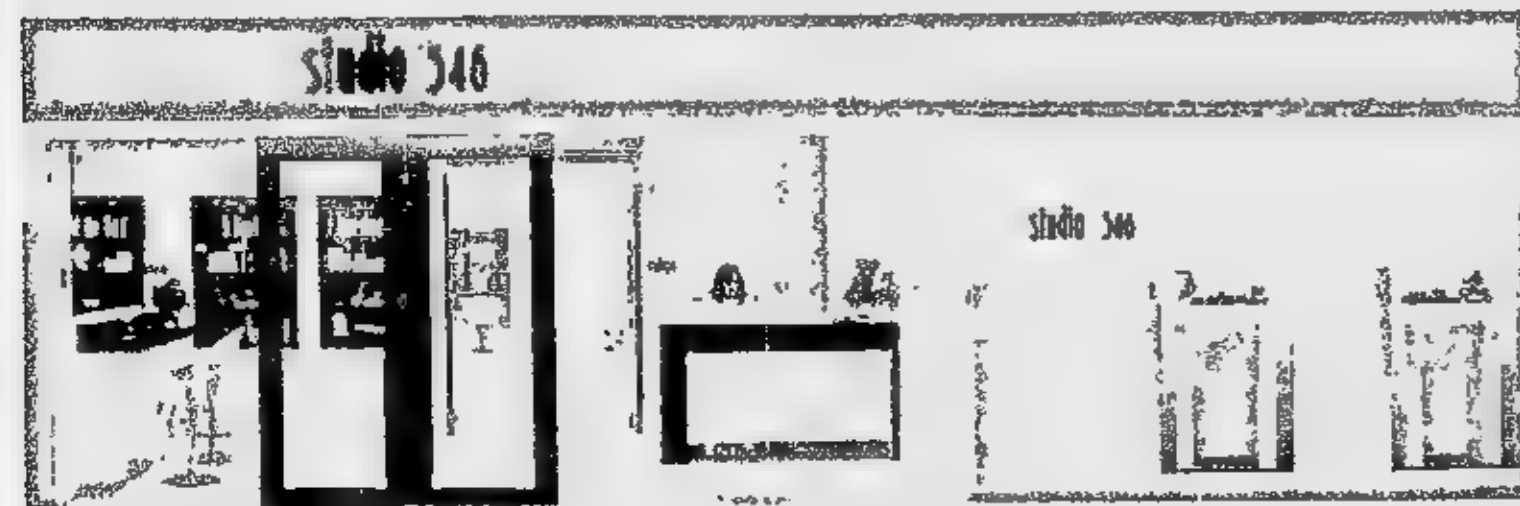
As an added bonus—and responsibility—Maningat was named VP for marketing of Trendset Corp., the company that operates Studio 546. "What they (salon owners) offered me was very good, so I said yes," he explains.

Collaborations

Maningat's modest beginnings started in Bacoor, Cavite, where he was a neighborhood beautician for 12 years. After closing shop, he spent the next seven years running around like a headless chicken, doing the runway, editorial and advertising circuits as a freelance stylist.

Little by little, he made his name, working with known figures such as makeup artist Patrick Rosas, photographers Wig Tysmans, Jun de Leon and Neil Oshima, and designers Inno Sotto, Rajo Laurel. He's done his magic on the countless pretty faces that have graced billboards, magazines and newspaper pages.

Hair and
makeup artist
Eric Maningat
joins Studio 546



THE STARK white, ultra-modern Studio 546 on the fifth level of Shangri-La Plaza Mall



In the fashion scene, Maningat is known for his speed and deft, his unassuming manner belying his exceptional talent.

Maningat admits he's actually become busier the past three months because, in addition to his work in the salon, he still does the usual rounds of the runways and fashion editorials. He's still in-demand for weddings and special occasions. "The good thing is that, my schedule goes through the salon now. I no longer have to bargain with clients."

Though his freelance work was lucrative, as he had his own loyal A-list clientele, Maningat says, deep within, he was searching for a permanent venue where he could truly hone his craft.

Deluxe service

Studio 546 is for men and women who are looking for deluxe salon service, according to Ilagan. As first-time salon owners, Ilagan and her siblings wanted a shop that's not only service-oriented but also has an already respected name in the hair-and-makeup scene, thus its artistic director.

Ilagan, with the help of an architect, is responsible for the salon's classy all-white interiors. She wanted a very modern "but not cold" look. To offer the starkness of the shop, she added soft, billowy curtains, also in white. Ported plants and cut fresh flowers are added as accents. "I didn't want it to look intimidating. It had to be welcoming. You don't have to be someone famous to get a deluxe service."

Given the added perks of their services—back rub with your haircut, cold towel over the eyes while getting shampooed—the owner says their rates are very competitive. A haircut with the junior stylist, for instance, is P400. A haircut by Maningat is the most expensive at P700, several hundreds lower than other stylists' rates.

"Many people don't know that I cut hair," he says. "I cut hair for 12 years before I started doing hair and makeup."

Maningat studied at Slim's in the '80s. He also worked and trained in Hong Kong's Salon de Orient. He learned makeup from Shuseido.

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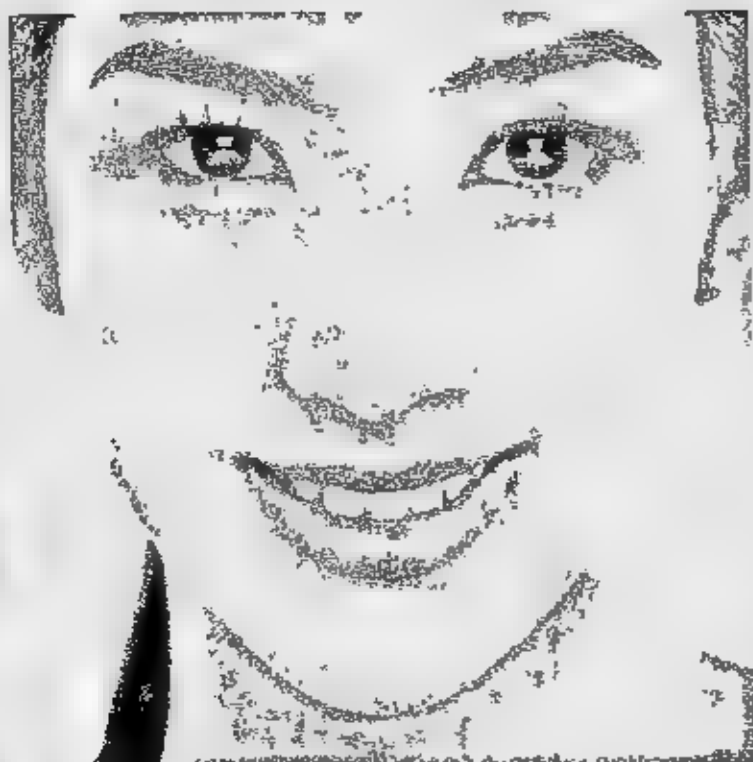
Go for metro glamour this season

CREATE a bit of drama for the holidays with Red Earth's Metro Glamour line.

Spice up your usual clean and classic look with two new products from Red Earth—3-in-1 Eye Pen and UV Protection Lip Tint—with the help of makeup artist Barbie Chan.



THE LIP tint's unique mixture of polymer gives a soft and creamy texture to the lips.



MIKAELA Lagdameo's makeup by Barbie Chan of Salon Paradiso

UV Protection Lip Tint is the quickest way to have a sexy pout. The moisture-packed product has four luscious shades of Pink Amazement, Nude Illusion, Magenta Marvel and Sienna Surprise. The lip tint contains orange flower oil, honey and almond oil that heal chapped lips and maintain softness. Its unique mixture of polymer gives a soft and creamy texture to the lips.

With SPF 15, it protects against and prevents premature wrinkling.

Chan recommends using the lip tints to brighten up your daytime look. A generous amount gives lips a healthy sheen.

The 3-in-1 Eye Pen complements the lip tint with its subtle shades of yellow, brown and orange for a gorgeous glow. The retractable eyeliner, eyeshadow cartridges

and eyebrow/lash brush allows easy definition and redesigning of the eye contour.

The long-lasting, creamy eye shadows glide on smoothly and provide a sheer touch of color. Use the versatile eyeliner to create a bold line around the eyes or smudge it softly for a subtle effect.

Chan suggests the use of color instead of

the usual black for a soft but striking smoky eyes. Olive shade, for instance, emphasizes the eyes without giving them a too made up look. Chan also recommends using a nude or pink shade for lips and cheeks so that the eye color really stands out.

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Careline was launched in the Philippine market through its nail color collection. Now, it has expanded its product range with the Mini Face Powder, Eyeshadow Powder, Wet Lips, Lip Gloss and Lip Shimmer.

Ever Bilena Cosmetics Marketing manager Evelyn Santiago said the Careline girl is 13-20 years old. Fun, active and adventurous, she wants to try new things and establish her individuality.

Santiago said Careline has a mild formulation designed for the Asian teen's skin. The collection has bright colors, blends easily with the skin, does not easily wear off and

is affordable for teens.

Ever Bilena chief executive officer Dioceldo Sy added that, aside from making sure that Careline's formulation is safe enough for the sensitive skin of young Asians, prices are also set to fit the budget of Filipino teens.

The new Careline products include the Compact Mini Face Powder (P40) in five different shades—natural, honey, tan, chestnut and white; Extra Shine Lip Shimmer (P40) that moisturizes the lips and gives them a subtle wet feel; Juicy Fruit Gloss (P40) that has a delicious fruity scent and gives a smooth, glossy finish to the lips; Wet Lips Collection (P40) in strawberry, grapes, orange, apple and watermelon; and the Eyeshadow Powder (P48) in candy colors.

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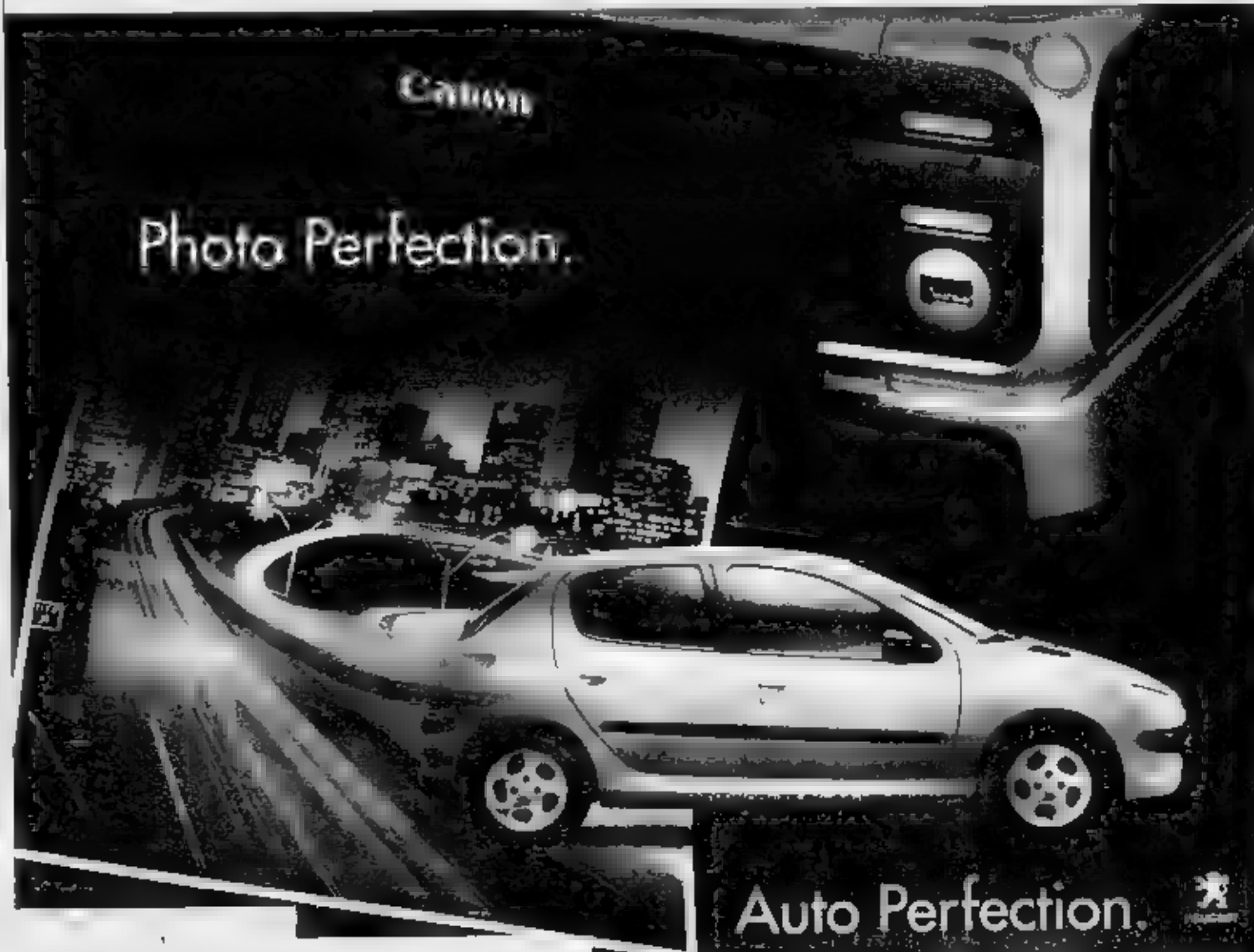


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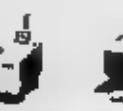
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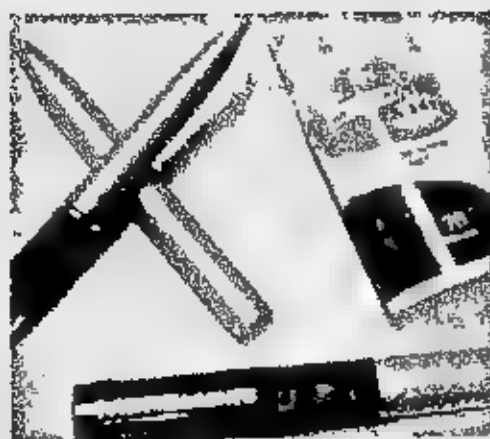


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LIPFINITY Everlites, Color Adapt Foundation and More Lashes mascara

You can now get the 'Bridget Jones' look

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very effective at keeping the oil at bay. The item is perspiration-, water- and sebum-resistant. It boasts of camouflaging enlarged pores. I love the fact that it has SPF 28. The loose powder, P325, has a secure lid to prevent spillage, looks very sheer but also soaks up oil for that non-greasy look. The mascara, at P395, sells 100 pieces a day in Japan alone because of its reasonable price and top performance. Choose between curl and long or curl and volume. It comes in black, brown and electric blue and don't



FASIO star products

clump, smear or flake. The lip gloss in tubes is only P195 and the Lipstock Super glossy is only P345. Choose between Brown Sugar Beige (my choice) and Petal Peach. Of course, the best way to remove all that stay-put Fasio makeup is via the cleansing oil, which is the cheapest one around at P395. Fasio is truly a quality beauty find! Product I now can't do without: all the liquid foundation mentioned in this article I applied using Paula Dorf's (PD) foundation brush, P2,150 at Essences Rustan's. I now refrain from using my hands when applying liquid or cream foundation as I always end up messing up my purse or dress. The very first makeup artist who used and in fact invented the foundation brush was PD. With all the foundation brushes I have tried no one had the engineering down pat like she did. The finish is just smooth and natural like genetically perfect skin and unlike other brushes it adjusts to the contours of the face and is a no-brainer to use. You will find that you use a lot less foundation and end up saving money.

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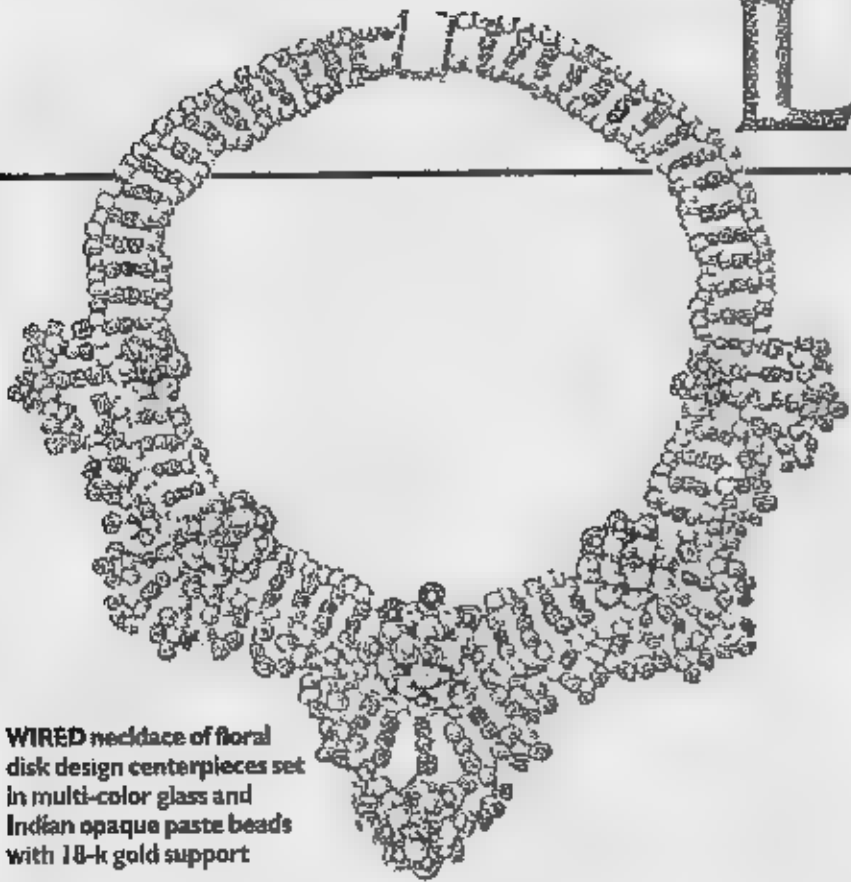
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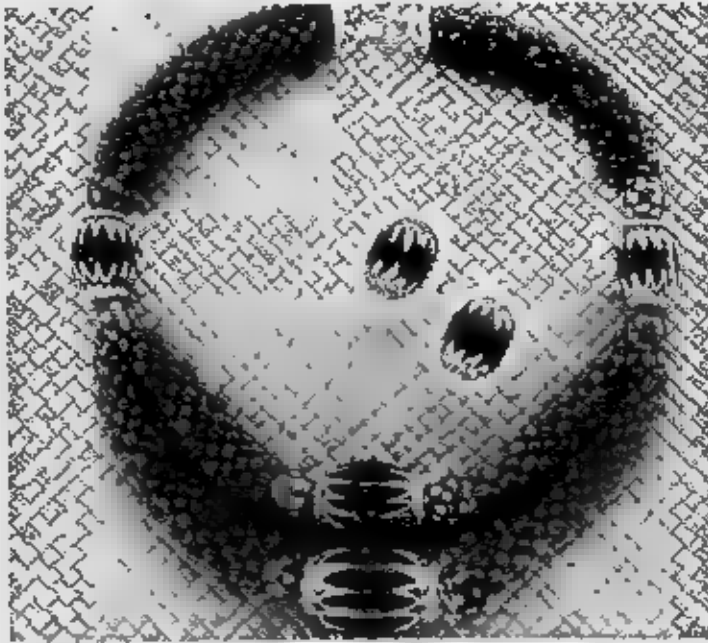
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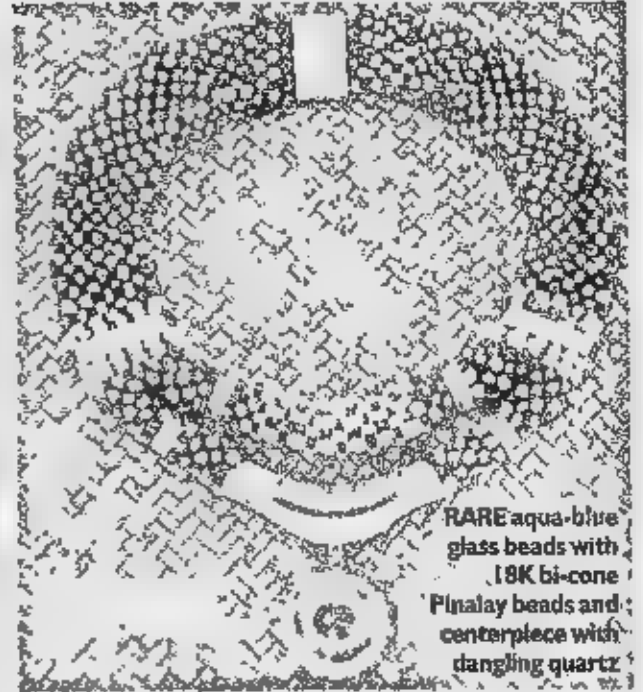
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WIRED necklace of floral disk design centerpieces set in multi-color glass and Indian opaque paste beads with 18-k gold support



ANTIQU barreled Venetian chevron combined with red ox-eye and red wound compound glass with polychrome dots



RARE aqua-blue glass beads with 18K bi-cone Pinalay beads and centerpiece with dangling quartz

What's old is new again

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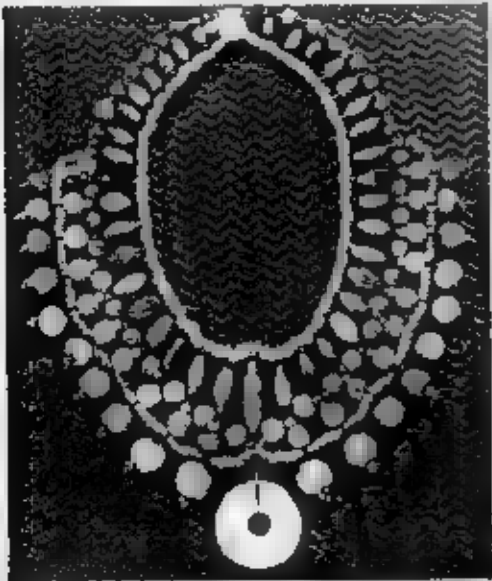
The store is owned by couple Nol and Elizabeth Encarnacion, who decided to turn their interest in heirlooms and in one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces into a business.

Trained and equipped in Germany, Elizabeth and her classically trained 10-man strong team of artisans create jewelry inspired by history reminiscent of age-old hand-crafted and intricate masterpieces of gold. Each piece utilizes antique beads, either heirloom or excavated, ensuring that each item is rich in heritage.

All the beads used by Kuwintas are taken from old cultures from Asia, Euro-Asia, Iran, Afghanistan and Venice. The beads used to craft each piece are rich in stories that stem from olden-time barter trade, burial ceremonies and dowry gifts.

Traditional techniques such as granulation, filigree and repoussé are used in creating the different items.

Prices of Kuwintas items start at P15,000. To view the collection at the Kuwintas Quezon City showroom, call 9120098 for an appointment, or e-mail kwintas@pacific.net.ph.



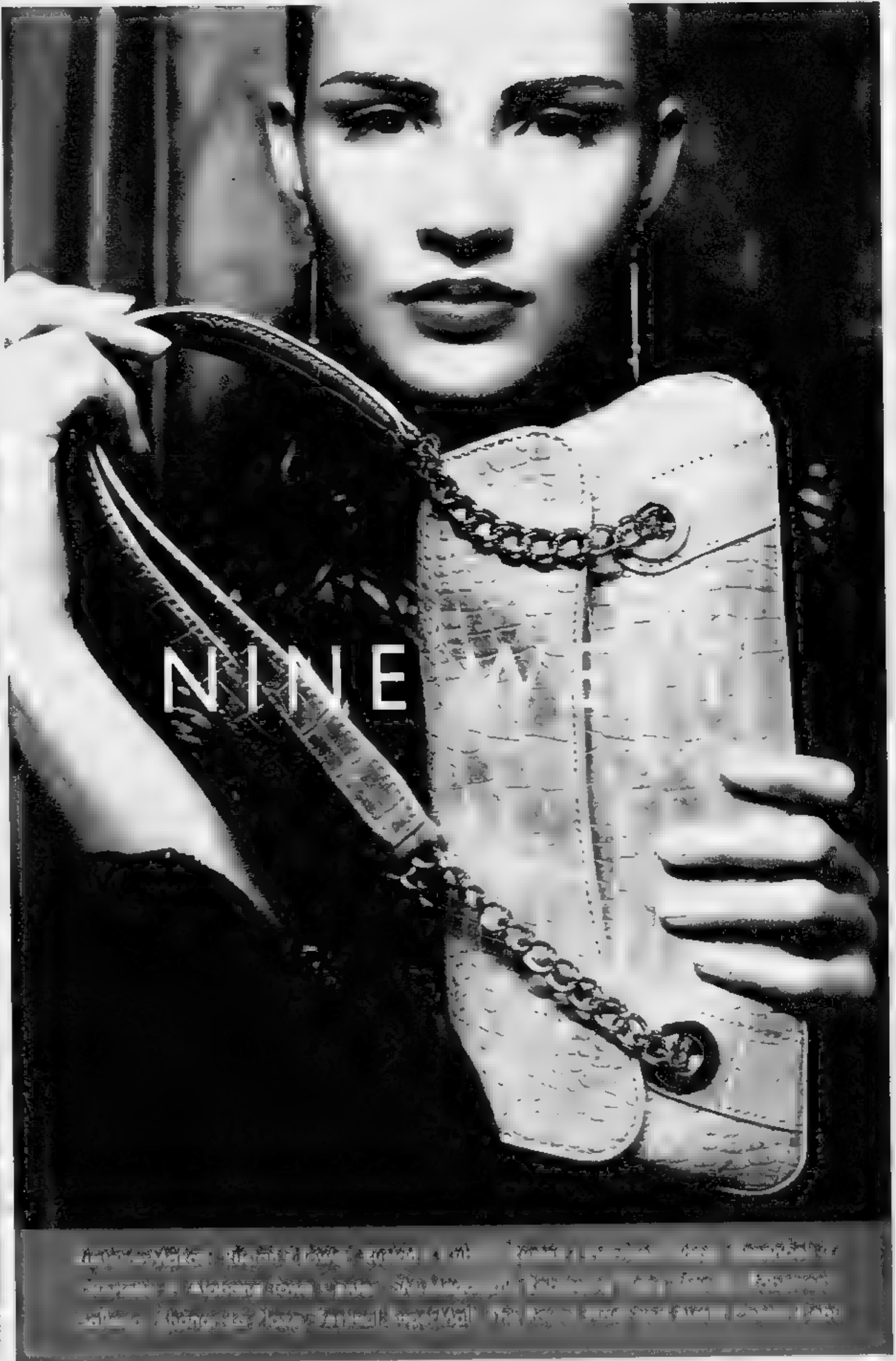
EXCAVATED barter ring pendant and Indian opaque paste beads interspersed with a variety of carnelian and blue glass beads



EXCAVATED gold pendant centerpieces with quartz on multicolored glass and Indian opaque paste beads combined with green bridal beads



ON ELIZABETH Encarnacion: centerpiece used is from a portion of raised-work wrist clasp set on strand of excavated green clay beads and mosaic (millefiori) glass beads





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A 1960s-inspired gown with a fishtail silhouette

Fashion calling

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

NOKIA drew inspiration from the past to come up with three of its latest tech-friendly and fashionista-savvy cell phones: 7260, 7270 and 7280.

In keeping with its thrust to fuse technology and fashion, the world's leading cell phone maker launched its latest objects of envy in Manila with a color-coded fashion show at the Ayala Museum.

Directed by Robby Carmona, "Nokia Goes Totally Fashion" featured the clothes of Dennis Lustico, Rhett Eala and Randy Ortiz.

Light, slim and loaded with all sorts of new and standard features you might not even need, the 7260 is described as Art Deco-meets-industrial design. Users can even enhance and personalize their 7260s with changeable accessories such as stylish straps and carrying cases. Jet-setters can easily phone home, as it has tri-band capabilities, or send celebrity sightings to friends via its VGA camera.

The 7270 draws its inspiration from the glamorous 1920s. Encased in an etched stainless steel casing, its fold design is designed to accent your wardrobe with matching textile wrap, carrying strap and pouch to reflect your style and mood. On top of a VGA camera, it has a built-in radio and fashion headset.

Finally, the VGA-equipped 7280 offers a completely new mobile phone design that chucked the traditional keypad for a discreet keyless dial using the Navi-spinner. A fine lacquered-inspired high-gloss finish complemented by leather and mirror accents add style, making the device as much a work of art as it is an advanced piece of technology.

Contrasts

Fashionable yet functional, retro yet modern, small yet attractive are some of the contrasting adjectives that best describe the new Nokia models, which the three designers tried to translate in their respective collections. Aside from the assigned colors, each designer chose a specific decade to draw inspiration from.

Lustico paid homage to the early 1960s with sweeping white ball gowns that combined shape and volume. To achieve this, the designer did fitted cashmere crepe outfits wrapped in a layer of tulle. A fishtail number came with a film of hand-pleated tulle with converging diagonal patterns.

"I wanted to marry volume with sexiness," he said. "There are two approaches to make outfits in white look sexy. You either make them cling to the body or you incorporate holes in the form of peek-a-boos."

One shade that needs no peek-a-boo to command attention is red, which Eala appropriated for the night with his 1940s-inspired slim cotton pique skirts and sleeveless tops. In lieu of the decade's trademark shoulder pads, he used detachable fox fur for a more contemporary look.

"I got the fur from a flea market in Hong Kong," said the amused designer. "Aside from Baguio and Tagaytay, they can be worn in an air-conditioned room."

To add some sparkle into the matte fabric, Eala hand-painted portions of the skirt and bodice before beading them with black sequins, spangles, crystals and cut beads. In keeping with the designer's signature silhouette, the pieces were structured close to the body.

Ortiz capped off the evening with an all-



LADIES in beaded red dresses

Designers tap the glamorous '20s to make cellphone-prone clothes

black collection of tailored men's suits made mostly from tropical wool in different patterns—from wide to narrow pin stripes, to bound's tooth hidden beneath the jacket's collars. Aside from black bouclé, the tuxedo pants were accented with satin strips.

Despite his attempt at fusing various patterns, materials and elements, the collection managed to look expensive, visually exciting and masculine. It also helped that the designer chose the country's leading male models such as Gary Dularas, Peter Nordell and Raphael Kieffer.

"They're my version of neo-classic tuxedos that hark back to the time of Rudolf Valentino in the 1920s," he said. "I had to be very selective in the choice of models. Aside from being tall and handsome, they have to project a certain rich, clean image."

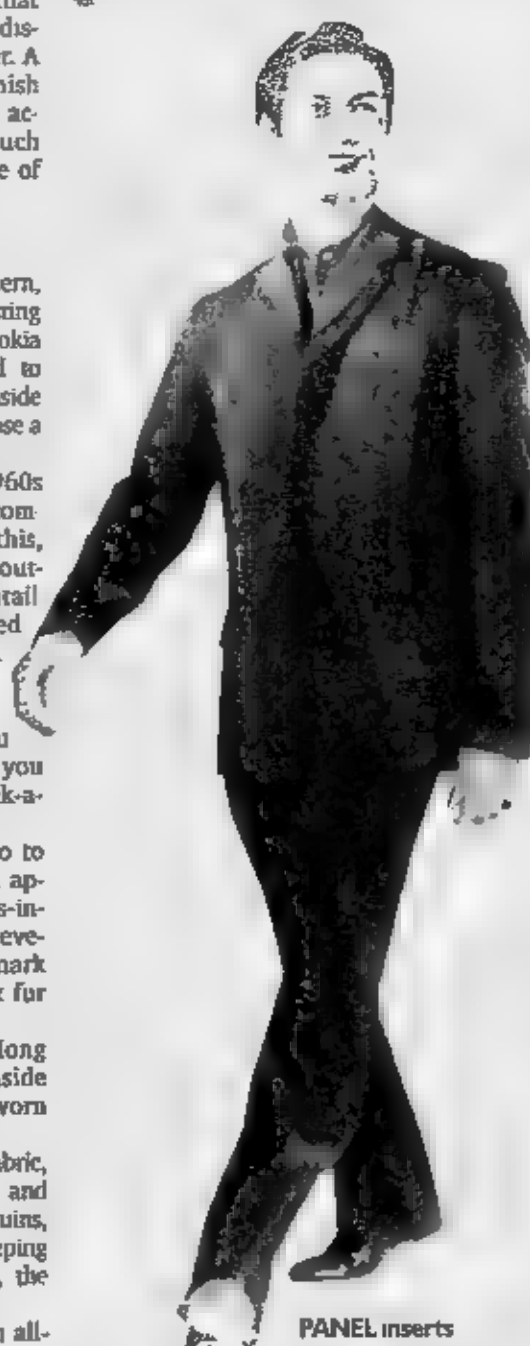
And rightly so, since like the rest of the evening's mannequins, they also had to fish out and model the latest Nokia cell phones. The marriage between fashion and technology never looked this good.

E-mail the author at avergara@inquirer.com.ph.



MATTE and shine

BLACK on black



PANEL inserts

HUGE satin shrug adds volume and hides those arms.



ENZO Angiolini 2004 collection

Label gets its own home

ENZO Angiolini, which used to be housed with Nine West shoes and bags, finally goes solo at Greenbelt 3 and Rustan's Makati. Another label under the Nine West Group Inc., Enzo Angiolini is known for its classic European-style high-end shoes, handbags and accessories.

Started in the early '90s, Enzo Angiolini is available in the brand's own 25 stores and in over 200 Nine West outlets. It has established a strong presence in Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan and the Philippines.

Enzo Angiolini was launched in Manila in 1998. Retailed with Nine West, it was acquired by Stores Specialists Inc. The brand tries to meet the customer's desire for luxury at affordable prices.

The products show careful attention to detail, craftsmanship and materials. Luxurious and timeless, they feature high-quality leathers and distinctive designs.

Enzo Angiolini's newest collection is at Greenbelt 3 and Rustan's Makati. Stores Specialists Inc. is the authorized distributor of the Enzo Angiolini.



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LADY'S
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Enamel 'treasures' are practical gifts

OCEANIC 1911's latest enamel collection consists of intricately designed trinkets that are both practical and decorative.

The trinkets can be used to store jewelry pieces and personal effects (small lipsticks, pills) or maybe used as paperweights and tabletop decor.

Oceanic's enamel treasures come in various interesting miniature shapes—baby shoes, lady's handbag, golf bag, telephone, kettle and water sprinkler. There are also panda bears, dolphins, owls and frogs.

Enamel is a decorative art technique in which glass "paste" is applied to the surface of a metal. It dates back to the 15th century when Egyptians used pieces of cut-glass in decorative patterns to enhance an object. Since then, enamel has been used throughout history and by cultures across the globe, because of its colorful and lustrous quality.

You may want to get Oceanic 1911's enamel trinkets to add to your own collection or as gifts for friends and loved ones.

Oceanic 1911 stores are located at Glorietta 1, SM Megamall, SM Southmall, Festival Mall, SM Northmall, SM City Manila, Ayala Center Cebu and Robinsons Place Bacolod.



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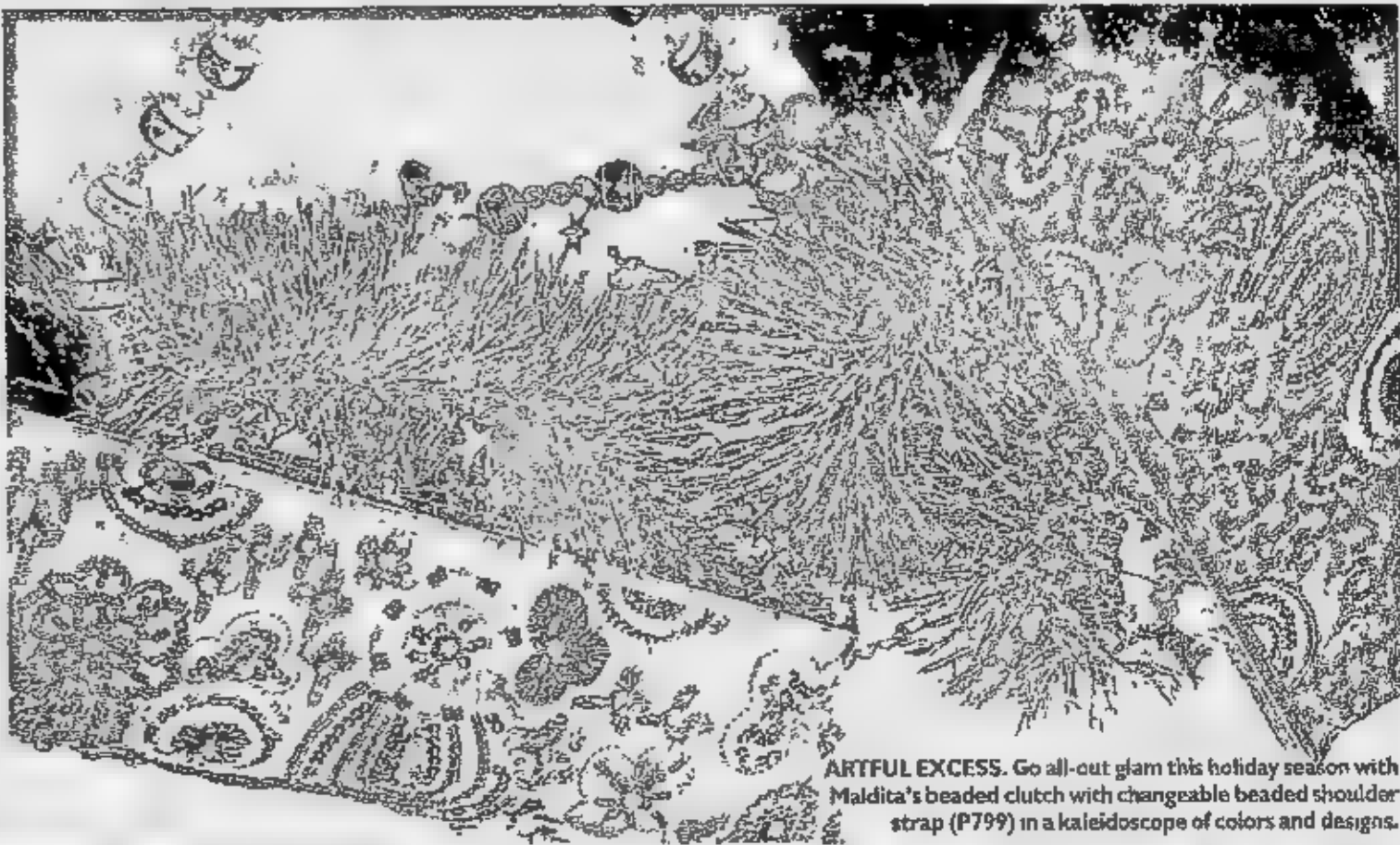
THE POWER dressing woman's favorite boutique, Maldita, offers a holiday collection that blurs the contrast between casual chic and classic elegance.

Standouts are sexy tops, feminine and flirty separates that cling and hug the body, low-slung jeans that show off your curves.

Embellished bags and fun totes pump up the glam factor,

especially when paired with bejeweled shoes. Glitzy accessories that spell opulence add a touch of whimsy and originality.

Visit any of the Maldita stores at SM North Edsa, SM Megamall; SM Manila; SM Sucat; SM Fairview; SM Southmall; SM Dasmariñas, Cavite; SM Cebu City; SM San Fernando, Pampanga; Robinsons Galleria, Robinsons Place Ermita, Glorietta 1, Ayala Center, Festival Mall, Alabang, Outlet Yard, Quezon Avenue; and Market! Market!, Bonifacio Global City.



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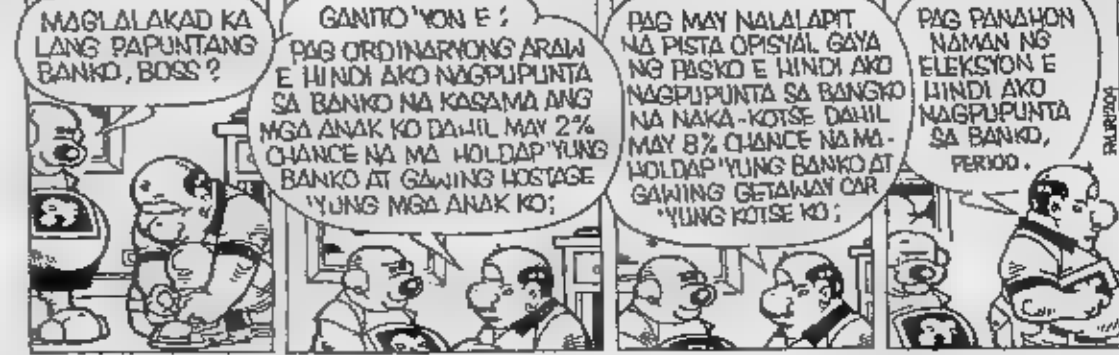


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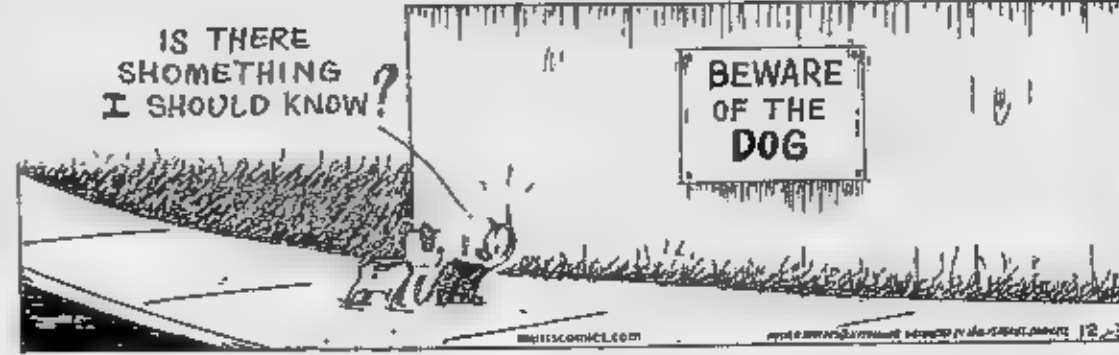


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YOU BORN TODAY: You are a careful planner. You know what you want and you go after it. You often master a particular technology; you can be a perfectionist. In your personal life, you're very private. You value home, family and your personal hobbies. Major changes could take place in the year ahead similar to 1995-96. Birthdate of Daryl Hannah, actress; Brendan Fraser, actor; Julianne Moore, actress.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): You will love discussions with others about philosophical, political and religious topics. You feel extremely idealistic today. You want to learn more; you want to expand your mind!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Discussions with partners or close friends will be helpful today. A warm heart-to-heart exchange is just what you need (or it might just be what you need to offer someone else).

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Your creative vibes are hot today! Do anything that allows you to express your artistic talents. If you fall in love today, it might be just fantasy (Sigh)

Taurus (April 20 to May 20): You can use the resources of others to help those who are less fortunate. A good day to do fund raising. It's also a good day to ask those who have more to help those who have less.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22): You can definitely help a co-worker today. Or you might be able to help anyone in your job in some way. Consider this a wonderful opportunity to be generous and supportive to others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): A family member might need your help today. (Possibly, a family member is ready to help you.) Either way, it's important for family members to be there for each other today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You'll spend time daydreaming today. Your imagination is in overdrive. Of course, according to fancy Eastern thought, everything we do is a dream.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You want to buy something beautiful for yourself or loved ones. Possibly, you want to spend money in order to help someone, especially a family member.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You seem to see the world on another level today. Not just the outer, physical details; instead, you sense connections between people and events.

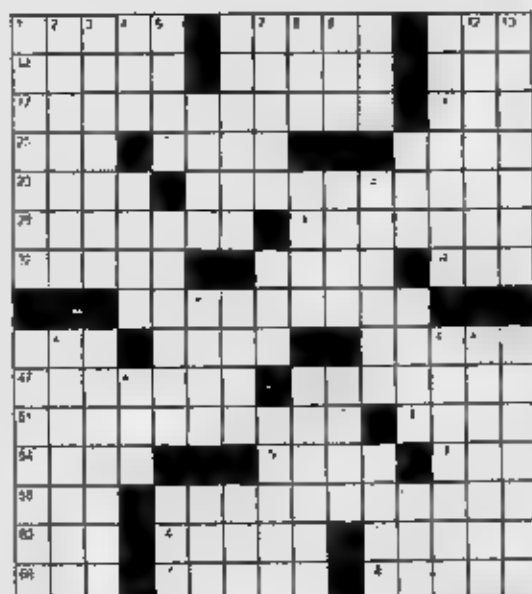
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): You can definitely trust your hunches and your sixth sense today. You might get a feeling about something. If so, it's probably right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): This is a good day to work with charitable organizations. It's also a good day to get together with friends to figure out how to improve something or help someone.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You might meet a teacher or someone who truly inspires you today. It's wonderful to meet people like this. They remind us of what we can actually be.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1 Command
6 Humble
11 Adjective for the Beatles
14 Loud, harsh sound
15 German noble
18 Part of APB
17 Pecking order?
19 B-F connection
20 Put into service
21 As soon as
22 Area of "Nana"
23 Razor choice
25 Reverse order?
29 Lose evolutionary ground
31 Lament loudly
32 Reverse
33 North Carolina university
34 Shown the way
35 Religious order?
39 Strike sharply
42 Song for one
43 Start
47 Cream-filled pastries
49 Authentic
51 Ascending order?
53 Swiss capital
54 "of the Thousand Days"
55 ESA's partner on the ISS
57 Aussie hopper
58 Cover
59 Batting order?
63 Season in Burgundy
64 Sports venue
65 Like Hungry
68 The German
69 Oregon capital
68 Labeled in London



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North Woodmere, NY

Thursday's Puzzle Solvaid



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- DOWN**
1 Expectant
2 Revel noisily
3 Branch oil
4 WWV's opposite
5 Adventure hero Williams
6 Calculating rack
7 Cake maker
8 Jackie's Onassis
9 Help!
10 Finnish twins?
11 True
12 Pasta preference
13 Mixed
18 Tolkien's trees
22 Our sun
24 Part of U.A.R.
26 ...and void
27 Hand-cream ingredient
28 Keeps going
30 Vomiting
33 Rock composer Brian
36 Classify
37 Ingrid in "Casablanca"
38 Intentionally ignore
39 Entertained in style
40 Moonshod
41 Take booty
44 Mountain ranges
45 On the way
46 Made to join a morose
48 Copy
49 Greene of "Dances with Wolves"
50 Exxon, formerly
52 Sassy
58 Love god
59 Auto fuel
60 Period of history
61 AT&T part
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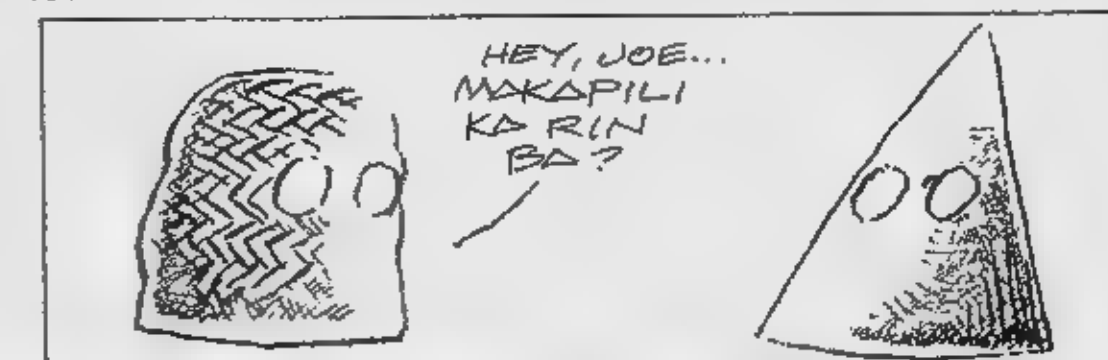
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Sweet sexy thing

Kashieca's latest collections reflect every woman's longing to be stylish and fun, sweet and sexy. In other words, unapologetically feminine. From flirty skirts to pretty pastels, it's sugar and spice and everything nice at Kashieca this season

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SWEETNESS and light. Pink long-sleeved blouse (P749.75) adds a touch of levity to the playful mint-green miniskirt (P699).



SWEET and saucy. Pink hooded cardigan (P899) layered over white top (P599) and pique skirt (P699)



SMART yet sweet. Black skirt (P899) with a striped blue shirt over a red top (P599). The red racer-back tank worn under a long-sleeved polo adds more drama to a staid business outfit.



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Baang and Semacio to perform at the Park

PACO Park Presents opens "Cellightful December" with baritone Jesus Emmanue Baang and pianist Adrian Semacio tonight at 8 at Paco Park, San Marcelino, Manila. Admission is free.

FORUM. The recently-passed Republic Act 9262 which protects women and children from violence will be the subject of a forum at the UP College of Law auditorium today at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited.

EXPO. The Ilocos Reg on will showcase the riches of its provinces through Brilliance of the North Agri-trade, tourism and technology expo at City Plaza, San Fernando, La Union, on Dec. 3-19. Call 5360496/5251805.

CONCERTS. Concert at the Park features "Paskong Pinoy" the whole month of December. On Dec. 4, featured are the University of the East Chorale, Sindaw Performing Arts Guild, LOC Windstring Ensemble and Right Spelling Band; Dec. 5, Mariasa Delgado's

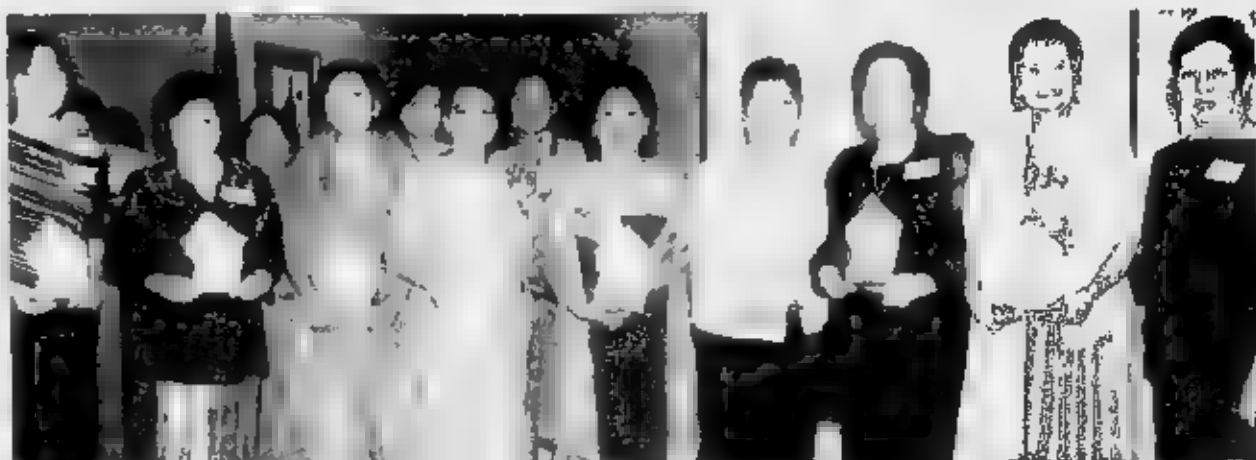
Dance Troupe, Muskito; Ang Batang Musiko, Nany and Pinky and First Born Child Band. Admission is free.

GOINGS ON

FORUM. The 43rd Orient of Southeast Asia Lions forum is ongoing until Dec. 5. President Macapagal-Arroyo will be the guest of honor during the opening ceremonies today, 2:30 p.m., at Folk Arts Theater. Call 5266538.

HOMECOMING. The UP College of Arts and Letters will mark its 21st year with a general homecoming of 1984, 1989 and 1994 alumni on Dec. 11, 2-6 p.m., at the Atrium of the new CAL building in Diliman, QC. Call 9287508.

PROMO. DSS Product makers, manufacturer of Blustar homecare products, offers Buy 1 Take 1 promo in supermarkets in Metro Manila, Luzon and Mindapao. The "Sagot sa Krisis ng Blustar" promo is implemented in Liana's Supermarkets, Landmark, Puregold, Uniwide Warehouse Stores, Robinsons Supermarkets,



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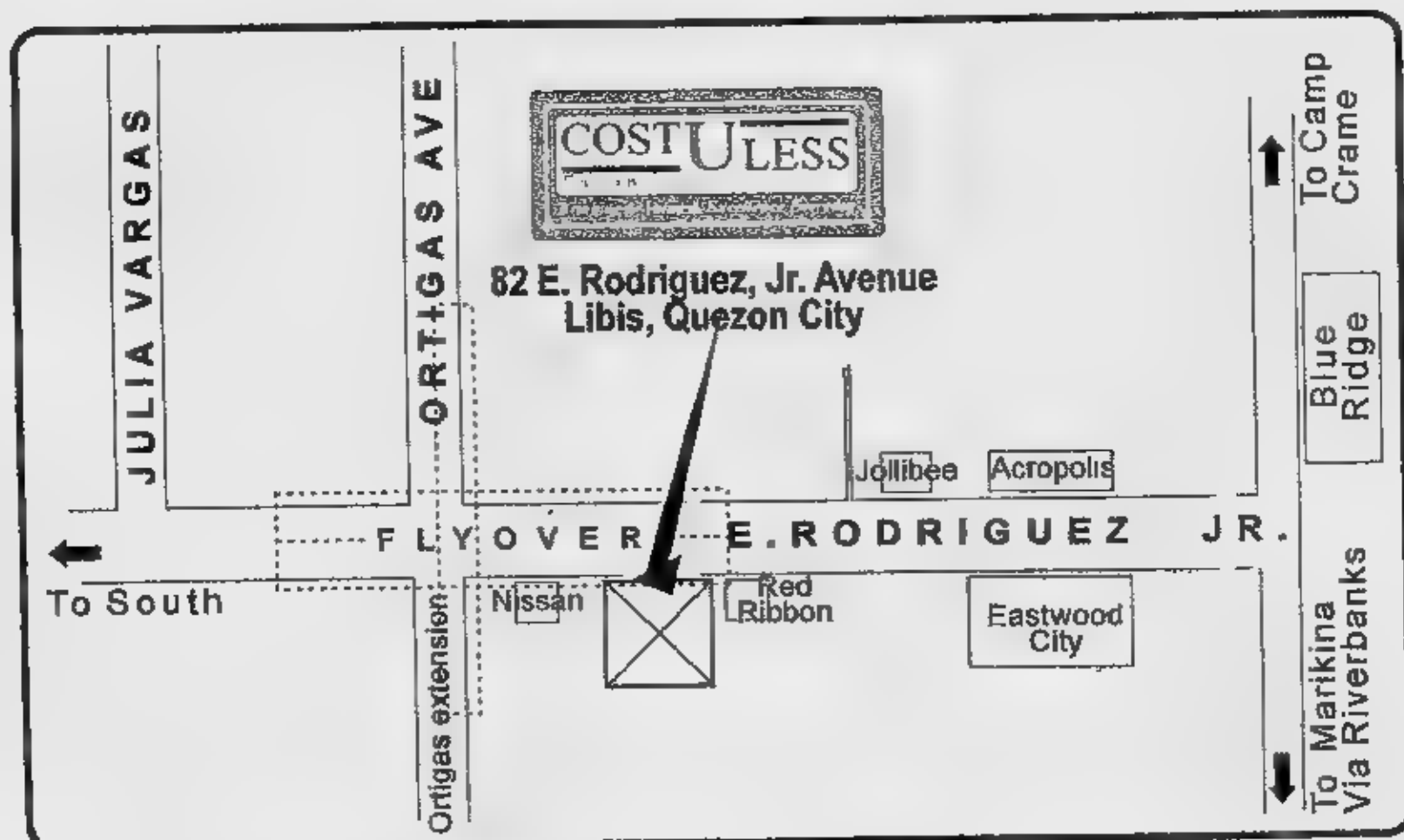
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FAIR. The Federal of Philippine Photographers Foundation will hold Photo Services Fair on Feb. 4-7, 2005 at Glorietta Ayalala Center, Makati. Call 8435341/8177420.

KIDDIE PARTY. Honda Cars Alabang hosted the Kiddie Masquerade Party for children of its customers. The event was organized in partnership with Summit Media Publishing, Goldlocks and The Picture Company.

BAZAAR. The International Christmas Bazaar runs until Dec. 5 at the Forum at the Philippine International Convention Center, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. The exhibit offers gift items, imported novelty products and top-of-the-line local crafts. Booths will also offer apparel, jewelry, toys, personal accessories, food stuff, houseware and more from Italy, Thailand, Japan, Korea, France, Germany, the USA, Malaysia, Taiwan, China, Vietnam and Pakistan.

Permanent bazaar in time for holidays

THE PERMANENT bazaar at the Ortigas Town Center has opened in time for holiday shopping.

The Bazaar @ the Ortigas Town Center is close to the Ortigas Home Depot, restaurants and coffee shops, and Pier One Barano Grill.

Fashion items, home and Christmas decor, foods and other items will be offered at rock-bottom prices.

Organizers of the bazaar handpicked the over 300 concessionaires occupying the ground floor of the fully air-conditioned complex.

The organizers themselves, boasting of years of bazaar experience, are confident that the complex will prove to be the next best thing in the shopping scene.

Anno Domini, Cut Unlimited, Events Masters and Philanway tried to make sure shoppers will have a wide array of items to choose from.

The Ortigas Town Center is located at 1 Julia Vargas Avenue, across the gate of Valle Verde 3. Call 7210734, 6316487, 6316686, or 6319788.



ZENEIDA
"Bibot"
Amador

LIFESTYLE

When gods die

WHEN we got word that Zeneida "Bibot" Amador was dying, we were sad and disbelieving—but, we rebelled, gods don't die. We got the same disbelief when Rolando Tinio died almost a decade ago.

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These people weren't only pillars of Philippine culture. To us who had covered their feats of genius all these years, they were a pillar of our own career. If we produced exceptional stories on them, it was because they were exceptional stories themselves.

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They didn't only achieve, mentor and mold, they were also invincible. They didn't recognize defeat, no matter the hard times.



MENCHU Lauchengco Yulo and Monique Wilson with Cocoy Laurel at the piano during the funeral mass-cum-tribute to Bibot at Onstage Greenbelt.
JIM LUNA/PINZALAN

Bibot didn't only produce Rep and generations of artists. She made theater part and parcel of the Filipino lifestyle

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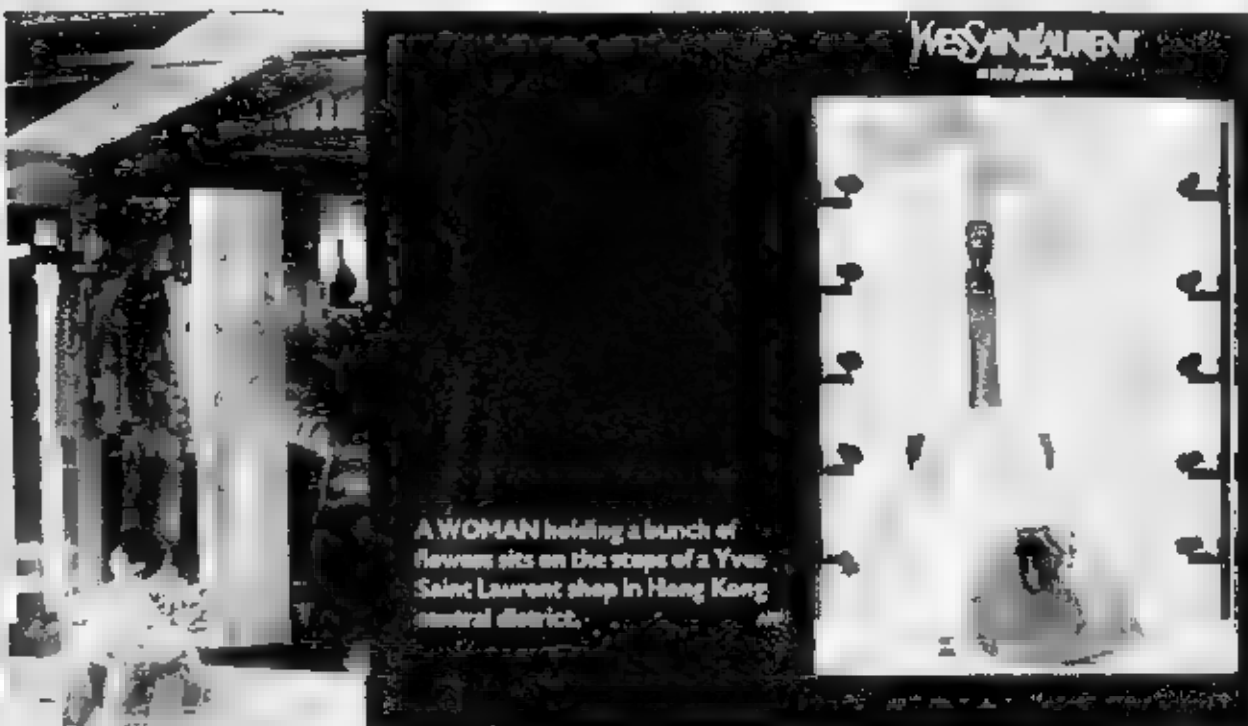
Vanillahhh



A WOMAN walks by the illuminated billboard of a Christian Dior shop at a shopping mall in Hong Kong. Seven years of economic woes may have taught Asia's famously zealous shoppers a thing or two about restraint but, with economies picking up, they are again flocking to the region's luxury goods stores, only this time with a more discerning eye.



A LOCAL resident walks past a billboard promoting Salvatore Ferragamo fashion goods.



A WOMAN holding a bunch of flowers sits on the steps of a Yves Saint Laurent shop in Hong Kong central district.

Hong Kong lives in the lap of luxury

HONG KONG—Designer-clad women browse the new arrival racks of a French couture store; well-heeled gents snap up suits from a bespoke US outfitter; and trendy youngsters fill a club-like European sports gear store.

Hong Kongers of all ages fill this mall in search of the world's most prestigious—and expensive—labels.

But contrary to appearances, this is not one of the gaudy emporia of the fashion-conscious downtown district. Nor is it in the rarefied atmosphere of the super-rich Peak neighborhood. This is Festival Walk, a sleek suburban-style shopping arcade in the middle of the grumpy Kowloon district.

While shoppers in the rest of the world must travel huge distances to find stores selling such items, Hong Kongers' huge demand for big-name labels means luxury goods are

sold all over the city in places you'd expect to find bargain stores and fast-food chains.

"Hong Kong is an advanced, business-minded, materialistic city. As long as they exist, Hong Kongers will always love their designer labels," said Keith Chan, manager of Milan Station, a chain of stores that specialize in restored designer handbags.

Hong Kong is jammed with high-end shopping malls: a walk through downtown needn't once involve stepping onto the pavement as all major buildings contain malls linked by overhead walkways.

Each of them bristles with the highest-profile brand names like Christian Dior, Chanel, Louis Vuitton and Hermes. Road-level stores boast prestigious car marques like Rolls Royce and Jaguar.

And all of them brim with wealthy people who have money to burn.

"We don't buy out of necessity—as long as it's something that is up-to-date and stylish, something that we like, we would buy it," said May Kwok. In the local parlance, Kwok is known as a *tai tai*—the non-working wife of a wealthy businessman.

"We like clothes, shoes and cosmetics but we are not looking for anything particular here," said Kwok, who is in her mid-50s.

She is typical of label lovers here, and spends an average of HK\$20,000 a month on luxury goods. She has seven wardrobes full of clothes at home, she said.

"I have too much, sometimes I have to give them away," she says, clutching a bag of Gucci goods.

Asia accounts for 40 percent of world luxury brand sales and outside of Japan, Hong Kongers buy more luxury items than any other Asians.

Emerging Chinese market

That demand and the city's proximity to China's huge emerging market are the reasons brands like LVMH, Prada, and Dolce and Gabbana have their Asia-Pacific headquarters here.

Sales have been boosted by a surge in the number of mainland Chinese tourists visiting Hong Kong courtesy of a relaxed travel policy in China.

High tariffs on luxury goods in China make the cheaper prices in Hong Kong a big attraction for Chinese visitors. Government figures show they spent HK\$6,018 per capita in 2003 compared with HK\$5,502 from overseas tourists.

Morgan Stanley consumer analyst Angela Moh estimates Chinese tourist spending in Hong Kong accounts for about 20 percent of retail sales a year.

"If you are going to the stores like Gucci,



MAINLAND Chinese tourists loaded with shopping bags walk past a Louis Vuitton shop in the Tsim Sha Tsui area of Hong Kong.

As long as they exist, Hong Kongers will always love their designer labels

the chances of running into someone from the mainland China is very high," she said. Shanghai resident Tan Xueping, 41, and her five friends took a special three-day shopping trip to Hong Kong.

Although Shanghai has no shortage of its own luxury stores, Tan explains that new products are launched here before going north.

"There are also more foreign brands here, which we like," she said.

Cast-offs

Milan Station's Chan understands the city's obsession with luxury. He has made a success out of selling the upper classes' cast-offs to a middle class desperate to get on the social ladder.

"Some consumers may not use their expensive handbags more than a few times," he said. "Some women buy new handbags all the time—some use them for a few days and some don't even use them at all. Then they sell them to us."

"For some, owning something is more important than actually using it."

Model Heidi Klum in new TV 'runway run-off'

NEW YORK—Heidi Klum is host of her own reality TV show, but that doesn't mean the German supermodel is a big fan of the genre. She prefers to call "Project Runway"—a contest among 12 aspiring fashion designers—a documentary.

"We're going to show the public what it's like to be a designer. I think people will be interested to see what it's really like, how talented designers are," said Klum. "What we're looking for is who is talented, not who is the funniest, not who is good-looking."

Klum, 31, has watched "America's Next Top Model" a few times because that show's creator and host, Tyra Banks, is a friend, and she's also caught Donald Trump's "The Apprentice" once or twice.

"Project Runway" brought contestants from around the United States to New York for a series of "fashion challenges." Their work was judged by Klum, designer Michael Kors, Elle magazine's Ni-

na Garcia and Constance White from eBay.

Viewers will see taped episodes that whittle down the number of contestants to three finalists, who will appear in a live runway run-off contest in February during New York Fashion Week.

"You could see very, very quickly who wasn't going to be up to the challenges but then it got very difficult because (the remaining contestants) were equally good," Klum said.

The show premieres Wednesday on the US cable channel, Bravo.

Klum, who also serves as the show's executive producer, said she wanted to find wearable clothes. "The final thing comes down to talent. The winners have to be good, they have to represent themselves well and they have to be able to work with others."

The winner will receive \$100,000 (euro75,500) in seed money to launch a fashion line, according to Bravo's website. AP



HEIDI Klum (center) poses with other models at a fashion show by "Bravo" cable TV channel to promote the new reality show "Project Runway" in New York City.

When gods die

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In Bibot's cycle, the seasons had nothing to do with recession or inflation, but only with the trove of theater material that must be staged before an audience.

As Bibot and her kind plodded on season after season, we have come to see them as immortal, more so when one heard her holier and caught her bravado.

In our pockets of the universe, gods like Bibot first struck fear in your heart, then awe, until, in time, you got bent and molded by her into fine talent, if not work of art.

This was what the generations of theater artists went through under Bibot. They became creations of art and Bibot was the creator, creations who themselves would create others in turn.

So you see that immortality was no exaggeration.

Bibot didn't only produce good theater. What many must realize is that Bibot made theater part and parcel of the Filipino lifestyle.

Through Repertory Philippines, she, with diehard theater artists Baby Barredo and Joy Virata, got us into the habit of going to the theater season after season. Thursday was opening night with media in attendance, Fridays and Saturdays were dates at the theater, Sundays were matinees for the family.

This, she started doing at a time when people said it couldn't be done.

In the '70s, in the Repertory's old home at Insular Life Auditorium in Makati, Bibot, Baby and the Repertory artists staged Broadway plays amid cynicism, if not outright condemnation, that they were "irrelevant" and remnants of our "colonial mentality."

But their detractors just didn't get it. In Bibot's vision, theater is theater, an audience is an audience, and an artist must be honed and polished relentlessly.

In time, they won converts, and more important, they bred batch after batch of theater talents that would later give the world the cast of "Miss Saigon" and "Les Misérables."

I still remember how Bibot chuckled as she described their first nights of performance at Insular. Their ragtag ensemble had an audience of less than five, consisting of relatives—and Bibot's driver.

Business strategy

It was an uphill climb but Bibot and Repertory had the gumption—and the business strategy—to make good that vision. They ran Repertory like a business—with a marketing unit that was in hot pursuit of corporate sponsors and theater patrons, and another unit that built the audience base for theater seasons, and still another that promoted the productions in the dailies.

Of course for the longest time, the artists themselves, led by Joy Virata, did these multi-tasks: Artists by night, businesswomen by day.

In time, big business was sponsoring Repertory and Philippine theater in general, people were buying season tickets to the theater, and most important, theater artists were getting paid to perform. This was how Bibot professionalized Philippine theater.

As for us, the audience, she gave us a good time in the theater. She didn't turn theater into a charity case. She didn't waste her time asking for government subsidy. She and Repertory did it on their own.

Through superb performance, artistry, uncanny choice of material and quality production, Repertory made you truly enjoy the theater—one that's worth your evening.

In recent years, the times must not have been that good for Repertory and theater in general. Rep lost its longtime home at Shangri-La Mall and now stages its productions at Onstage. The traffic and hard commute around Metro Manila don't make it easy for the audience to make it to the theater regularly. There are so many events to compete with theater time.

But I doubt if Bibot would have thrown in the towel. Gods don't give up.

Soft side

I feel privileged to have seen the soft side of this martinet. When her house was new, she asked us over for lunch. It was a day I'd never forget, for there I saw Bibot in an entirely different milieu. At home. Domesticated.

People would be incredulous, as we were, watching her fuss and putter around the house, while Baby stayed put at the dining table. I couldn't believe how she took keen interest in the interiors and the décor, from the iron grill work to the pottery in the garden and the plates that adorned the dining room.

She was relaxed, almost docile, as she tried to make us feel at home. The bravura was there, especially as she showed us the walls on the second floor filled with bookshelves. From there you looked down on the living room.

Bibot didn't make it to Christmas. (It was uncanny that a few weeks before, Paz Yuchengco, one of the staunchest patrons of Repertory, also passed away.) She was 71, but it was still an early death.

The younger generation that badly needs the right icons will not have enough of a Zenaida Amador—her artistry, zeal and work values.

It's a gloomy day. No wonder it's raining relentlessly in December.

Patis' jewels

Patis Tesoro has a unique Christmas

bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 5. She and her Pamintuan (her maiden name) family, from her aunt, niece to nephew, will "expose the family jewels."

These are finely crafted art forms, hand-made beaded acrylic jewelry, among others. It'll be at Green in the City, 385 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong.

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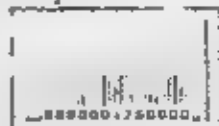
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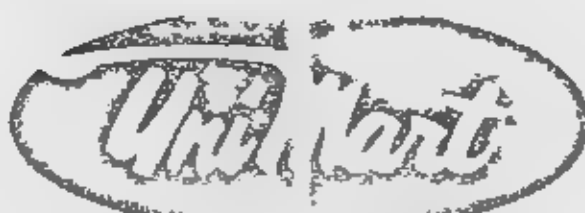
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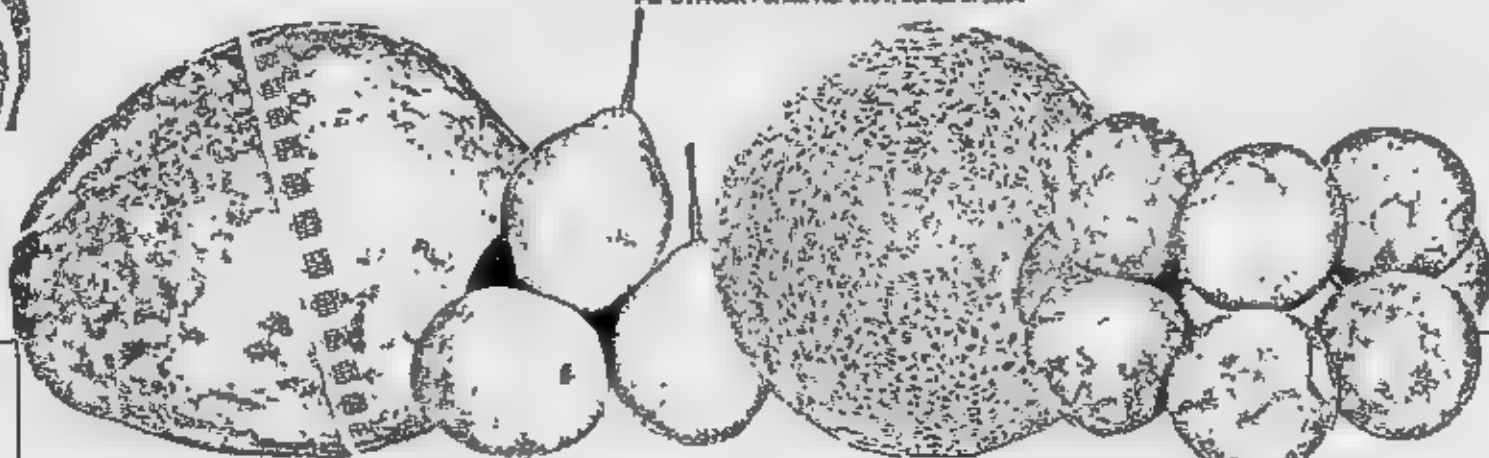
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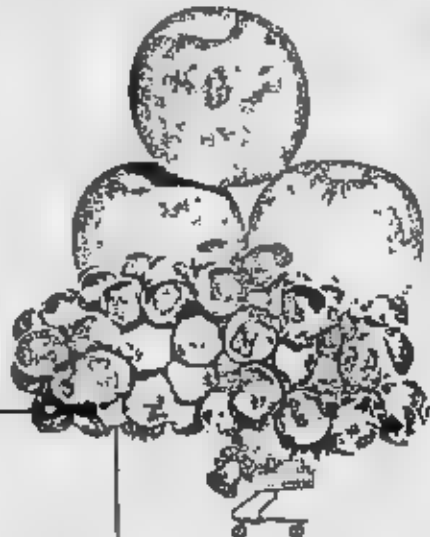
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Ronnie Lazaro finally spreads his wings and starts to fly

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

THE ACTOR who won the Best Supporting trophy as the Muslim datu in Marilou Diaz-Abaya's "Bagong Buwan" has been through an interesting evolution.

Born in Fabrica, Sagay City in Negros Occidental, Lazaro had a two-year singing stint in the tenor section of the La Salle (Bacolod) Glee Club, during which he got to sing "I Have Dreamed" as Lun Tha in a local production of "The King and I."

One Manny Julian discovered his theater potential in Bacolod, then he did improvisational plays with Peque Gallaga, and soon he was good enough to play the role of the caretaker in the Lino Brocka film, "Gumising Ka, Maruja," which was shot in Bacolod.

"That was my first film. When I saw it at Era Theater in Bacolod later, I couldn't help telling myself, 'Finally I am immortalized.'"

The actor turned 47 last November 14. He is "deep in marital bliss" with his wife Lola, and is the father of a six-year-old boy, Gabriel. "I am still overwhelmed every time I see my son," he gushes. "I never thought I'd ever be a father; that is why I try to be a good one."

Ronnie is thankful for a lot of good projects coming his way at this time. He is in Lav Diaz's 10-hour opus, "The Evolution of the Filipino Family." He is in four of the entries to the Cine Malaya short film competition and, foremost of all, he reprises the role of the *taong grusa* (village idiot) in "Ang Panaghoy Sa Suba (The Call of the River)," a movie that Cesar Montano directs.

Soft spot

Of the Cine Malaya entries, his interest is keenest in a film titled "Baroque," which is about the ubiquitous videoke, and how it changed life in a barrio. He plays the role of the barrio captain who accepts a videoke as payment for a debt incurred by a friend who passed away.

Needless to say, Ronnie has a soft spot for independent filmmakers. "I like to invest in them because our film industry needs new blood," he says. "They might be the answer to



GIVING ACTING a good name. Lazaro as an Indio insurgent in the Raymond Red film "Salalay"

the present economic crisis plaguing the business. (But) basically, I like acting in independent films because I am more relaxed, I have more leeway to be more creative and I discover new things about acting."

One such short film he appeared in—"Anino," directed by Raymond Red—became the first Filipino film to win a major award in Cannes. The Lav Diaz opus will be shown at the UP Film Center on Dec. 17. The actor points out: "You have to give to the filmmaker. (Lav) is the only filmmaker in the entire world who does that (five-to 10-hour movies) and still gets good reviews from USA's Variety Magazine. I like working with him as well. With filmmakers of his kind, the actor is free to experiment; he doesn't have to perform, he can just be the character."

Thus far, Ronnie Lazaro is clearly in the league of Pen Medina and Nonie Buencamino, who give theater a good name and who have

both shone even more brightly in movies.

Sinner and saint

"Acting allows me to become both sinner and saint," Ronnie says. He has done the life of San Lorenzo Ruiz on stage, Chekhov's "Seagull" and Calderon's "Tadlong Parusa, Isang Sentensiya," among others.

His sad observation is that stage actors are effectively exploited in film projects. "Big film companies save a lot of money hiring stage actors, who are fast and efficient. But they get paid less than they deserve. Without theater people, *walang kulay* ang film industry. They hardly earn anything from stage work; they should get their rightful due in film assignments."

Ronnie's greatest acting challenge to date should be his work in "Panaghoy." The character is a quiet observer of life in a village by the

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PARTY and save the world at the same time? That's what a bunch of the country's biggest celebrities has done in the concert "Motown in Motion," held recently at The Fort. On Sunday, Dec. 5, at 10:30 p.m., ABS-CBN airs the concert, after "Ang Tanging Ina: The Series."

"Motown in Motion" features some of the country's top performers in a concert to benefit the Banray Kalikasan La Mesa Watershed and Eco Park project. The project aims to convert the watershed into a nature park and biodiversity reserve for educational purposes and appreciation. The park boasts of a lagoon, hiking trails and picnic areas.

Performing in "Motown in Motion" are Keith Martin, Rico J. Puno, Hajji Alejandro, Vernie Varga, Richard Merk, Agot Isidro and Ayen Munji-Laurel, Bituin Escalante, Kyla, Nina, Christian Bautista, King, Akafellas, Frenchie Dy, Sheryn Regis and Nyco Maca, as well as acclaimed actors Christopher de Leon, Michael de Mesa and Tirso Cruz III. Also featured is Spirit of '67. The event will be hosted by Ariel Ureta and Mitch Valdez.

'Motown in Motion'



IN MOTION. (From left) Bituin Escalante, Nyco Maca, Frenchie Dy and Sheryn Regis

Ronnie Lazaro finally spreads his wings...

From page 1

river, and is really like a prophet. He sees the village's peaceful and idyllic life, and then witnesses the horrors of war. Having gone without a bath for months, he takes a symbolic plunge into the river to symbolize the end of the war and the beginning of a new life for the village. "They have to paint me really dark for the part—dirty all over. I even asked for real dried fish to wear on my body, to attract flies. I didn't simply want to look like a village idiot; I wanted to smell like one. It helps when all the senses—smell, touch, sight—are in perfect coordination. Of course Cesar (Montano) helped me explore the role. I always welcome suggestions, otherwise I might miss out on some interesting aspects. After all, you can't act alone; you have to be part of an ensemble."

Unforgettable role

Lazaro got his first acting nomination for his work as the young guerilla leader in Peque Gallaga's "Oro, Plata, Mata."

Violation of youthful innocence is

what he went through in Tikoy Aguiluz's "Boatman." It was a role that turned his life inside out. His intense acting earned him another award nomination, but he lost to Jay Ilagan (who starred in "Stella L").

"Boatman" was one assignment he can never forget. He relates: "One month before the camera started grinding, I went to Pagsanjan to immerse and be a real boatman. I ate there, slept there, had drinks with real boatmen and learned how to row. I didn't want to act like a boatman. I wanted to be one. The trouble is, two months after finishing the film, I was still playing the part. I had to learn to shed my screen role."

That role went beyond Pagsanjan river and ended in Manila where the character sold body and soul in a live show act just to survive. This was a jolt for him. "Talagang nandiri ako (I found it very offensive)," Ronnie recalls. "I didn't want to finish the film, but (actress) Betty Mae Piccio prodded me to."

The film got good media reviews. Korina Sanchez referred to "Boat-



THE VILLAGE idiot in "Panaghoys Sa Suba" (Call of the River), directed by Cesar Montano for the Metro Manila Film Festival

man" as one of the best local art films ever.

Ronnie considers the period following "Boatman" as the most trying and difficult in his career. "There were no other projects. It seemed I was

fighting with everybody—classic case of me against the world. It was the lowest phase of my life. It seemed only Joel Torre believed in me. I guess I dug deep into an imaginary grave to give me a very strong motivation to be reborn."

He went back to where he started—the theater. It was a good decision—it made him want to hone his craft further, regardless of whether or not he got good projects as a result.

Time to heal

It was also the time he started to heal, and he was off to a second start when neighbor Mitch Valdez introduced him to meditation. "That was another turning point in my life," he says. "I learned to forgive not just others but mainly myself. I learned to love myself and realized I couldn't love until I could care for myself as well. I got rid of a lot of mental baggage and started to have a peaceful and meaningful life."

Soon he was back to the silver screen, and he even got to appear in foreign projects (a remake of "Return from the River Kwai" and some Chuck Norris movies) and was soon active both on stage and television.

Exactly what is it like when an actor is stuck with assorted mental baggage?

Ronnie says: "When you are weighed down by anything, you can't take off, you cannot spread your wings and fly to where you want to go. When an actor has learned to forgive, he becomes more relaxed. That is the time his most creative moments begin. Burdens prevent you from moving forward."

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SATURDAY, Dec. 4, is a day for Marinduqueños when they stage "WWW.scom" at the William J. Shaw Pavilion, Wack Wack Golf and Country Club on Shaw Boulevard in Mandaluyong City.

The show is part of the "Alay Alalay" project of the socio-civic group Club Marinduque Inc. Every year, the club holds an event to raise funds for the club's projects, such as dental and medical treatment clinics for the people of Marinduque, rehabilitation of old deep well pumps as well as construction of new sources of potable water in the far-flung barangays, and academic scholarships in technical and vocational courses for deserving students from poor families.

The benefit show, "WWW.scom (Witty, Wacky Willie—That's Comedy)," is a night of laughter and dancing to the music of yesteryears. The show will feature the great impersonator Willie Nepomuceno, the famous Rockin' Revival band, and percussionist Audrey Cruz.

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ALEXANDER

R-13
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SEED OF CHUCKY

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4 NATIONAL TREASURE

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5 SEED OF CHUCKY

11:30 am 1:50 pm 4:10 pm 6:30 pm 8:50 pm

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Howard directs Hanks in 'The Da Vinci Code'

LOS ANGELES—Oscar-winning actor Tom Hanks has been cast to star in an upcoming movie adaptation of Dan Brown's best-selling mystery, "The Da Vinci Code," film studio Columbia Pictures said on Tuesday.

Hanks will play the role of Robert Langdon, the Harvard professor who undertakes a modern-day quest for the Holy Grail in a thriller steeped in purported secrets about the early Christian church.

The film will be directed by Ron Howard from a screenplay by Akiva Goldman and produced by Howard's business partner, Brian Grazer, the same team behind the 2001 Oscar-winning film, "A Beautiful Mind."



HANKS



HOWARD

The studio, a unit of Japanese electronics firm Sony Corp., said the film is slated for release on May 19, 2006. Sony Pictures Entertainment Motion Picture Group Chair Amy Pascal called it "the cornerstone" of the studio's movie slate for that year.

First objective

"The potential that exists through this collaboration of material and talent is extraordinary," Pascal said. She added that the first objective "is to be as faithful as possible to the book and respectful of the fans who love it worldwide."

The book has been on nationwide bestseller lists almost nonstop since it was first published by Doubleday in

2003, including 87 weeks at the top of the New York Times bestseller list. The studio said more than 20 million copies of the novel are in print worldwide.

According to trade publications, the studio acquired rights to Brown's book last year in a reported seven-figure deal brokered by then-Columbia executive John Calley before he stepped down as chair and CEO of Sony Pictures Entertainment.

The 48-year-old Hanks, currently featured in the animated holiday feature "The Polar Express," previously teamed up with Howard and Grazer in the space drama "Apollo 13" and his breakthrough comedy film "Splash." *Reuters*

Which 'Jeopardy!' whiz finally meets his match after 74 games?

NEW YORK—"Jeopardy!" whiz Ken Jennings finally met his match after a 74-game run in which he became the biggest winner in TV game show history with a haul of \$2,520,700.

The pop culture icon who made brainiacs cool was beaten by a woman whose own 8-year-old daughter asked for his autograph when they first met.

Jennings was tripped up in Final Jeopardy by this answer: Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal white-collar employees work only four months a year.

The correct reply: "What is H&R Block?" But Jennings guessed Federal Express, ending his remarkable run on the TV quiz show in which contestants are given an answer and have to come up with the correct response in the form of a question.

Having an accountant-friend who's nearly impossible to reach at tax time paid off big-time for his conqueror, California real estate agent Nancy Zerg, who ousted the baby-faced killer competitor in the episode airing Tuesday.

Where credit's due

During his streak that began June 2, Jennings usually had opponents so thoroughly beaten that the Final Jeopardy question was meaningless to the outcome.

But Zerg was within striking range at that point, with \$10,000 to Jennings' \$14,400.

The champion had to think; out of the corner of his eye, he noticed Zerg had quickly written her reply.

"I was pretty sure before the music ended that was the ballgame," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Her correct reply gave Zerg \$14,001 to Jennings' \$8,799.

Slight pause

Even before that, she had needed an un-

usual display of Jennings' fallibility to stay in the game. He twice answered wrong on Daily Double questions, which give contestants a chance to make big wagers and increase their leads.

Maybe that's why he paused, ever so slightly, when asked in the AP interview Tuesday whether he had lost or been beaten. He then graciously gave Zerg credit.

"I would have dwelt on it if I missed something that I knew or didn't phrase it in the form of a question," said Jennings, a computer software engineer from Salt Lake City.

"It was a big relief to me that I lost to someone who played a better game than me," Jennings added.

No great sin

Zerg, a former actress who lives in Ventura, California, told the AP that she psyched herself up before the game by repeating to herself: "Someone's got to beat him sometime, it might as well be me."

Hanging out backstage with fellow contestants, she saw some Jennings opponents had essentially lost before the game. She heard one person say that it looked like he was playing for second, and another just wishing not to be humiliated.

"I heard another one say, 'It's no great sin to lose to Ken Jennings,' and they went in and lost to Ken Jennings," she said. "I thought, 'That's no way to play the game.'"

Jennings' streak was made possible last fall when the quiz show started its 20th season by changing its longtime rule that said a champion must leave after five straight wins. Now a player stays until losing.

Jennings' average daily haul was \$34,063.51. He gave more than 2,700 correct responses.

The hard part

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The answer he missed: Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal employees work only four months a year

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It made many of the games boring. But "Jeopardy!" executives aren't complaining; ratings were up 22 percent over the same period last time.

Jennings said he'd been thinking about walking away after some future milestone—100 wins, perhaps, or \$3 million or \$4 million in winnings. He said there were about a dozen games where one reply made the difference between winning and losing.

"The fact that they had all fallen my way was beginning to worry me," he said, "because at some point the law of averages was going to kick in."

He wasn't prepared for how much he'd miss the daily competition, though.

"It didn't really hit me that was going to be the hard part," he said. "I thought the hard part would be the loss."

The loss is actually a distant memory and not really a secret: The show was taped in early September and news leaked right away. Video clips of his loss appeared Monday on the Internet.

H&R Block's offer

Neither Jennings nor Zerg expects the record will be broken.

"It's not because things fell the right way," she said. "It's because he's that good."

Jennings, a Mormon, will donate 10 percent of his winnings to his church—and a European vacation is planned, "probably a really nice one."

He'll hardly slip back into anonymity. He is visiting David Letterman and Regis Philbin this week, has a book deal and is open to any commercial sponsorship opportunities.

He's in a new tax bracket now, and H&R Block is making sure he'll always remember the company for other reasons: It has offered him free tax preparation for life.

Ai Ai, Eric, other Backroom artists all over this December

ONE of the last quarter's biggest musical event happened last Saturday when comedy concert queen Ai Ai de las Alas shared the vast Araneta Coliseum stage with pop prince Erik Santos in the concert "The Prince of Pop and the Comedy Concert Queen: Two Solos, One Concert."

Ai Ai is a guest in Piolo Pascual's concert in Los Angeles and Chicago. She continues to be in demand as a performer in corporate shows, even as she hosts the "MTB" and stars in "Tanging Ina," both on ABS-CBN.

Erik is on "ASAP" every Sunday, also on ABS-CBN. He flew to Dubai to perform in a concert for the Filipino community in Dubai today.

Eric will be back in time for a guest appearance on Lea Salonga's "Home for the Holidays" concert, also at the Araneta.

Another Backroom Inc. star, Ariel Rivera, is reunited with ex-girlfriend Regine Velasquez on the GMA-7 teleserye, "Forever in My Heart," which also stars Richard Gomez.

Ariel and Regine are together again in a concert at the Araneta on Dec. 3 and 4.

Calvin Millado is busy hosting

corporate shows. He soon opens his fast-food outlet in Quezon City.

Actors as singers

The Company is promoting their latest album, "Mahal Kong Radyo," from Viva Records. The group is also performing in Leah's Dec. 8 show at the Araneta.

The Tux is featured in another show at Eastwood City on Dec. 11.

K and the Boxers maintain their prowess or regular gigs at the Soundstage on Tuesdays, Ratsky Malare on Thursdays and

Ratsky Tomas Morato on Fridays. Kakai Brosas, the K of the group, is a mainstay on "Idol Ko Si Kap" on GMA-7.

Actor Raymond Bagatsing is busy rehearsing with his newly formed band, the Bandidos.

Raymond is host of "Nginging," a reality thriller on ABS-CBN.

Drew Arellano is working on the movie "Bulong: Spirit of the Glass," directed by Joey Reyes and also starring Rica Peralejo and Paolo Contis. Drew is also one of the hosts of "Unang Hirit" and "Wazzup, Wazzup," both on Studio 23.

Amy Perez hosts the controversial reality show "Deretsahan" on ABC 5

and "Wow Philippines" on PTV 4. Amy takes on a dramatic role in the teleserye "Leya" on GMA-7.

Dominic Ochoa is a host of "EK Channel" on ABS-CBN and is also busy with guest appearances in TV dramas.

Hosts, models

Bianca Gonzalez joins Ryan Agoncillo and Karen Davila in "Y Speak" on ABS-CBN. The image model of Eve, a new clothing line by Pink Soda, Bianca also hosts "Review Night," "Wazzup Wazzup" and "MTV U Break."

Ayen Munji is promoting her new album, "Thankful," distributed by BMG Records. She is

one of the featured singers in a Christmas concert with the Manila Symphony Orchestra at the Eastwood on Dec. 4.

Marielle Rodriguez has just finished shooting "Rouge," a detective thriller-drama which will be shown on MTV. She also co-hosts "Extra Challenge" and is in the cast of "Love to Love," both on GMA-7.

Chase Tinio has hinds full as a ramp model and host of corporate functions. He is a regular on the show "MTV U Break."

Dawn Zulueta, still one of the most beautiful faces in Philippine cinema, is on "Forever in My Heart," with Ariel, Regine and

Richard.

Ina Castro, former lead star of "Miss Saigon," is back and often performs in corporate shows. Last Nov. 27, she was a guest in the concert "Three Tenors" featuring Bayani Fernando, Joey Lima and Angelo Reyes at the St. Mary's Magdalene Church in Cavite.

Kim Flores was one of the young sopranos featured in Ai Ai and Erik's Araneta concert last Saturday. Kim was also a guest during the recent launch of E-real Records at Party Central in Quezon City.

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